

## BAPTISTS WITH OTHERS—

# Leaders Ask Cooperation

MOBILE, Ala. (RNS)—Southern Baptist editors and executives were urged at a joint meeting here to find ways in which denominational clergy and laity can cooperate with Roman Catholics and other Christians.

Speaking at a session of the Southern Baptist Press Association and of executive secretaries of state Baptist conventions were Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Prof. Wayne Ward, a faculty member at the seminary.

Observing that by 1970 over half of the American population will be under 25 years

of age, Dr. McCall said, "We are seeing as a great tidal wave coming into our church to the idea that Christian unity is more important than our differences."

Prof. Ward told the joint session, "We are under God required in every way we can without compromising our beliefs and principles to develop closer relationships with other Christians, and I do not draw the line at Roman Catholics."

Neither Dr. McCall or Prof. Ward, however, advocated Southern Baptist participation in the World or National

Councils of Churches.

Mr. Ward urged that Southern Baptists take part in the ecumenical movement as "observers" or "fraternal Christian participants," so that Baptists can have fellowship and theological debate with other Christians.

"We must seek ways to express our unity with those who are our brethren in Christ," he warned, otherwise Southern Baptist churches may become "segregated clubs."

Both Dr. McCall and Prof. Ward cited problems facing Southern Baptists. Dr. McCall

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FABULOUS MIAMI BEACH, Fla., where the Southern Baptist Convention will meet May 29-June 2. Sessions will be held in Convention Hall, seen in center of photo.

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## ENROLLMENTS DECLINE—

# SBC Membership Now 10,952,463

## Factors In Drop Given

By the Baptist Press

Why did Southern Baptist Convention churches report enrollment decreases in Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood (laymen's) organizations during 1966?

Top leaders responsible for promotion of these Baptist church program organizations listed about 20 different factors contributing to the statistical decline when Baptist Press, news service of the SBC, asked them "Why?"

The 1966 SBC statistics, compiled by the research and statistics department of the SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville, disclosed that 1966 enrollment figures in these four church organizations dropped below 1965 enrollment figures, and that baptisms for 1966 were 675 less

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NASHVILLE (BP)—Membership in Southern Baptist Convention churches pressed toward the 11 million mark during 1966, but enrollments in most church organizations recorded decreases during the year.

A year-end statistical summary from the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's research and statistics department disclosed that total membership in SBC churches reached 10,952,463 during 1966, an increase of 179,751 members over the 1965 report.

The statistics were based on reports from 33,949 churches affiliated with the nation's largest Protestant denomination. The number of churches was up 152 from the number reported last year.

Only church organization to show increases in enrollment was the music ministry of SBC-affiliated churches. The number of Baptists enrolled in church choirs and other music programs increased 72,818 (8.3 per cent) to a total of 945,004 during 1966.

Decreases were reported in Sunday School enrollment, Training Union enrollment, Men's Brotherhood enrollment, Royal Ambassador enrollment, and Woman's Missionary Union organization enrollment.

The number of baptisms of new converts, considered by some denominational leaders to be a barometer of the denomination's spiritual state,

decreased only slightly compared to the previous year.

The convention's churches reported 360,959 baptisms during 1966, a decrease of 675 when compared to the number of new converts in 1965.

Sunday School enrollment was off 55,953, with a total of 7,603,685 reported enrolled in the denomination's weekly Bible classes. It was a decrease of 5 per cent.

Training Union enrollment dropped 58,114 or 2.2 per cent, to a total of 2,552,073. Training Union is the Sunday evening study group program of Baptist churches.

Woman's Missionary Union, a missions organization for women, girls and children, reported an enrollment drop of

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## MISSISSIPPI SCOUT IN GROUP RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON (BP)—Two Baptists were among the 13 young men all Eagle Scouts, received by President Johnson during Boy Scouts Annual Report to the Nation.

Jeffrey L. Donald, Brookhaven, Miss., and John J. Turner, Overton, Tex., both Baptists, were among the 13 representatives chosen from 500 nominees for the traditional scout honor group.

President Johnson told the scouts that "It will take the best minds and bodies among us" to preserve and protect free enterprise in the U. S. He praised the scout group, saying that no organization contributed more to this than Boy Scouts of America.

## Student Center At Moorhead Dedicated

Baptists from every section of the Mississippi Delta were present for the dedication service Sunday afternoon of the new Baptist Student Center at Moorhead, Charles

Lott, student director, presided.

The principal speaker was Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The New Baptist Student center, located adjacent to the campus of Mississippi Delta Junior College, is the first in the state to be erected opposite to a junior college campus, even though there are Baptist student centers in other types of buildings near other junior college campuses.

Others who had parts on program included Tom Branning, BSU faculty advisor; Rev. G. H. Watson, pastor Moorhead Church; Max Hodges, of near Indianola, chairman finance committee; J. T. Hall, president of the college; Janet Williams, BSU vice-president; Rev. Ralph B. Winders, Jackson, state Baptist director of student work and Wayne Bush, Schlater, chairman of steering committee.

Dotsi Hendon of Indianola led the BSU choir which rendered special music.

Open house was observed from 2:5 p.m.

Total cost of the center was \$42,500. Churches in the area contributed nearly \$24,000 with the remainder financed by the Mississippi Baptist Convention, which also provided furnishings for the building.

## Carey Announces Five Objectives

The budget goal of \$1,303,752 was adopted by the Board of Trustees of William Carey College for the 1967-68 year. The action took place during the quarterly meeting on the Carey campus Thursday. According to President J. Ralph Noonkester, the proposed budget is the largest in the history of the institution. The 1966 budget of \$1,122,675 has been successfully met.

The trustees also approved a salary increase for faculty and staff and voted on a definite salary scale to become effective with the signing of

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## State Baptist Radio News Scope Begins

The Mississippi Baptist News Scope, weekly Radio 5-minute program of Mississippi Baptist news, will make its initial appearance generally this week-end, Feb. 25-26.

At least 15 radio stations will carry the program, which

will be a cooperative venture between the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission and the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, according to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, executive secretary-treasurer.

The Baptist Record, Dr. Joe T. Odle, editor, has been given the assignment of preparing the copy each week which will be under direction of Rev. Joe Abrams, associate editor.

According to the plan, the copy will be air-mailed each Friday to the Radio and Television Commission at Fort Worth.

There it will be taped immediately by Don Stungis of the Commission staff and air-mailed to the radio stations in the state that have agreed to carry the program as a public service.

Other stations in the state are expected to be added to the list according to Dr. Quarles.

The initial Mississippi Baptist News Scope will carry the following "headlines":

Progress Underway on Construction of New Mississippi Baptist Convention Building, Christian Action Commission

Several leaders discuss service in front of new Baptist Student Center at Moorhead. From left: Charles Lott, student director; Tom Branning, BSU faculty advisor; Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer, principal speaker and Wayne Bush, chairman BSU steering committee.



Program personalities include, from left: Rev. Ralph B. Winders, finance committee and Rev. G. H. Watson, pastor Moorhead Church.



J. T. Hall, college president, chats informally during open house, with two students, Doug Savell Pace, (left) and Janet Williams, Hta Bena, BSU vice-president (Right).

## Oklahoma Slates Special Session

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)—A special session of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma has been set for May 19 in Shawnee, Okla., to consider a plan for stepping up financial support of Oklahoma Baptist University and Baptist student work on 25 state college campuses.

The meeting is the first special session to be called in the history of the convention.

The convention's board of directors in a called meeting here unanimously approved a plan which calls for a 1968 budget of \$3½ million for state and world missions—an increase of \$375,000 over the current budget.

To reach the anticipated yearly budget increases, Baptist churches throughout the state will be encouraged to increase their combined support of missions by \$500,000 in 1968 and by \$100,000 each year through 1972.

## Southern Baptist Convention

MAY 30-JUNE 2, 1967, CONV. HALL—MIAMI BEACH, FLA.

THEME: "Mandate to Minister"

OFFICERS: H. Franklin Paschall, president (pastor, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee)

Fred D. Hubbs, first vice president (executive secretary, Baptist State Convention of Michigan, Detroit)

Howard Aultman, second vice president (pastor, First Baptist Church, Columbia, Mississippi)

Clifton J. Allen, recording secretary (editorial secretary, SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee)

W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary (executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee)

Porter W. Routh, treasurer (executive secretary-treasurer, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tennessee)

Robert L. Sneed, music director (minister of music, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee)

C. Fields, press representative (public relations secretary, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tennessee)

H. Cowen Ellis, chairman, committee on order of business (pastor, First Baptist Church, Charlottesville, Virginia)

## PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS Tuesday Night

THEME: "Mandate to Minister through Preaching"

6:45 Pre-Session Music

7:00 Song Service

7:10 Scripture—Lewis C. McKinney, pastor, Allen Memorial Baptist Church, Salisbury, Md.

Prayer—C. Earl Cooper, pastor, Riverside Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida

7:15 Welcome Address—John Maguire, executive secretary, Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville

7:20 Response to Welcome—Clyde Skidmore, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Bakersfield, California

7:25 Report of Registration—W. Fred Kendall, executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville

7:30 Committee on Order of Business—H. Cowen Ellis, pastor First Baptist Church, Charlottesville, Virginia

7:35 Announcement of Committee on Committees

Committee on Resolutions

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## Village Sets Easter Clothing Campaign

The Baptist Children's Village has this week called attention to its annual "Dress a Child at Easter" campaign by inviting individual Mississippi Baptists to sponsor boys and girls at the Village in their clothing needs by providing a new church clothing outfit for spring and summer.

Friends of the children have been reminded that this is the only occasion during the year when the Village administration asks for only new clothing, and that outfits contributed will be worn by the children for the first time on Easter Sunday morning.

Paul S. Nunnery, superintendent, points out that this campaign has become so popular with individuals across the state until it has been possible for the Village to rely on cash proceeds of the appeal for a major portion of the year-long clothing needs of the boys and girls.

Mr. Nunnery advises that some friends have already made inquiry this year concerning this annual appeal, but that sponsors are still needed for approximately 120 boys and girls.

He states that a great deal of assistance is needed with teen-aged boys and girls, particularly those in the high school age groups, because so many individuals request preschoolers and children in the first 3 school grades.

It has been pointed out that interested persons may write the Baptist Children's Village at P. O. Box A, Delta Station, Jackson, Mississippi, 39213, or telephone Village offices in Jackson at 922-2242, and be assigned the name of a boy or girl, or cash gifts may be mailed to the Village offices at the above address designated to the general Easter dress fund.

Sponsors will be sent complete size sheets on request, from which they may either shop for the child assigned or sew for the child.

Friends in the Jackson area may take the assigned child to downtown Jackson for shopping purposes, if they desire and if advance appointments are made.

Any interested sponsor who

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## HMB Names 7 New Workers

ATLANTA (BP)—The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has assigned Lowell F. Lawson to direct the newly created Christian social ministries program of the Long Run Baptist Association in Louisville, Ky.

Five other missionaries were appointed in February to serve throughout the United States.

Lawson, first appointed by the board in 1962 to direct the Boyce - Portland Baptist Center in Louisville, will give direction to all areas of Christian social ministries work in the Long Run Baptist Association, including literacy work, juvenile rehabilitation, Baptist centers, and work with migrants.

Other missionaries appointed were: Mary Suthell Walker of Shreveport, La., to direct the work at the Lexington Baptist Center in Lexington, Ky.; Edna Amelia Keller of St. Louis, Mo., to direct weekday ministries at the Coliseum Place Baptist Church in New Orleans, La.; F. Paul Allison as state missions director for the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists;

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# Southern Baptist Convention



**SERMONS FROM SCIENCE AT EXPO '67—MONTREAL**—Christian laymen from many denominations across Canada are sponsoring a "Sermons from Science" pavilion at Montreal's Expo '67. A similar exhibit, which offers motion pictures and demonstrations designed to create an awareness of God through scientific phenomena, was a popular feature at the New York World's Fair. The Canadian exposition also will have a Christian Pavilion sponsored by Protestants and Roman Catholics and a Pavilion of Judaism. (RNS Photo)

## SBC Membership Is 10,952,463

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9,911 to a total of 1,459,828, with the same 7 per cent decrease reported by Sunday School.

Enrollment in the Baptist Men's (Brotherhood) organizations dropped 14,220, to a total of 282,199, a decrease of 4.8 per cent.

Royal Ambassadors, a missions organization for boys, reported enrollment decreases of 5,446, to a 1966 total of 181,354. It was a 2.9 per cent drop.

Enrollment in Vacation Bible Schools, the weekday Bible ministry of Baptist churches, also recorded a decrease for the first time, dropping 6,029 to a total of 3,388,924.

An all-time record, however,

er, was reported in SBC missions giving and value of church property.

Financially, Southern Baptists gave a total of nearly \$670 million through their churches for all causes during 1966, up \$31.8 million over total gifts last year.

Contributions for missions topped the \$115 million mark, an increase of \$8.4 million over mission gifts of 1965.

Property value of churches continued to climb, exceeding the \$3 1/4 billion mark. Churches reported spending \$168,786,080 for construction during 1966 of new buildings, including a figure of \$5,063,534 for local mission buildings.

On an average, the per-

member total gifts were \$61.15 during 1966, while the average gifts per member for missions was \$10.52.

Kindergartens were reported by 1,466 churches.

Included in the 33,949 churches reported were 284 classified as "inactive." They are churches which are still affiliated with the denomination in some way but have not submitted a report within the past three years. The statistics reflected only figures actually reported by the churches, with no adjustments made for incomplete reports.

Following is the tabulated statistical summary as prepared by the SBC research and statistics department:

	1966	1965	Numerical Change	Percent Change
Associations	1,188	1,184	4	.3
Churches	33,949	33,797	152	.4
Baptisms	360,959	361,634	-675	-.2
Additions by letter	546,427	547,316	-889	-.2
Total Membership	10,952,463	10,772,712	179,751	1.7
Sunday School Enrollment	7,603,685	7,659,638	-55,953	-.7
Training Union Enrollment	2,552,073	2,610,187	-58,114	-2.2
W. M. U. Enrollment	1,459,828	1,469,739	-9,911	-.7
Men's Brotherhood Enrollment	282,199	296,419	-14,220	-4.8
B. I. A. Enrollment	181,354	186,800	-5,446	-2.9
Music Ministry Enrollment	945,004	872,186	72,818	8.3
Vacation Bible School Enrollment	3,388,924	3,394,953	-6,029	-.2
Value Church Property	\$3,273,868,971	\$3,080,663,120	\$193,205,851	6.3
Total Gifts	\$699,779,972	\$637,958,846	\$31,821,126	5.0
Mission Gifts	\$115,197,437	\$106,743,944	\$8,453,493	7.9

## Carey Tells Objectives

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contracts this year. "This is an area in which improvement is greatly needed," said Dr. Noonkester, "and we are grateful that the time has come when we can offer salaries more in keeping with the rising costs of the day."

In presenting his report to the Trustees, Dr. Noonkester outlined the following

five items as goals for the immediate year: (1) The improvement of the program of student life on the campus through the construction of an ultra modern food service building, the improvement of living facilities, the provision of additional campus recreational opportunities and the further development of the social program of the college.

(2) The completion of the Self-Study required by the Southern Association of Colleges and the employment of at least one faculty member with the doctorate for each department offering the major. The immediate strengthening of the programs in teacher education and home economics with new and better facilities. (3) The attainment of a fall enrollment goal of 925 full-time students with a non-duplicated twelve months enrollment goal of 1,200. (4) The attainment of an operational budget goal for 1967 - 68 of \$1,300,000. (5) The completion of plans for a large science annex to Green Science Hall.

In addition to the immediate goals, Dr. Noonkester also projected plans for the development of Carey College in the next five years. He suggested that the enrollment goal be set at 1500 and that four additional buildings be added to the Carey College plant. These are to include a new men's dormitory, a women's dormitory, administration building, and a wing on the Rouse Library.

The Board of Trustees was reorganized with the same officers being re-elected who served last year, with the exception of Dr. T. E. Ross. Dr. Ross will assume the chairmanship of the Instructional Committee of the Board and will replace Mr. B. J. Martin of Laurel, who has rotated off the Board this year.

"At no time in the school's history has Carey College's future looked any brighter," said President J. Ralph Noonkester. "We have accepted this as a time for enthusiastic optimism in the face of many changes within the denominational field of higher education. We face the new fiscal year with renewed determination to offer the finest in academic challenge and in Christian inspiration to our students."

## FAMILY LIFE REVIVAL IS SET FOR HINDS

Hinds County Baptists will be engaged in two day Family Life Revival February 27 and 28 at Calvary Church, Jackson. Dr. Joe W. Burton, editor of Home Life magazine of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will be our speaker and resource person.

Dr. Burton is author of six books on family life and missions and has been listed in "Who's Who in America" since 1952.

The theme of the revival will be "Spotlight on the Family." Dr. Burton's speaking schedule and subjects are as follows:

**Monday, February 27**  
10:00 a. m. - Informal Discussion with Parents on "When the Children are Young", Calvary Church.  
12:00 Noon - North Jackson Kiwanis Club.  
2:30 p. m. - Pastors and other staff members "The Church's Family Ministry", Hinds Baptist Building.  
2:30 p. m. - "What's A Family For?" Calvary Church.

**Tuesday, February 28**  
10:00 a. m. - Informal Discussion with Parents on "As They Grow Toward Maturity", Calvary Church.  
12:00 Noon - Luncheon at First Church, Jackson, with pastors and religious education association - "The Pastor's Family Ministry".  
7:30 p. m. - "Men, Women and God" - Renewal of Marriage Vows and Family Com-



Dr. Joe W. Burton

mitment, Calvary Baptist Church.

Special music is being arranged by the music directors of Hinds county under the direction of Charles Müller, Associational music director.

## Paul Caudill Visits Kenya

Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor of First Church, Memphis, Tenn., and former member of the Foreign Mission Board, left January 9 for a two-week trip to Kenya. There he was scheduled to participate in the dedication of two new Baptist church buildings, one near Nyeri and the other near Mount Kenya. (Both were constructed with assistance from the Memphis church.) He also expected to preach nightly.

The world's largest artificial ice rink is the one in Tokyo which has an ice area of 43,000 square feet.

The largest grape vine on record was one planted in 1842, at Carpinteria, California, which yielded over 10 tons of grapes in some years.

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Tellers  
7:40 Hymn  
7:45 Special Music—Ministers of Music SBC, James Woodward, Oklahoma Baptist University, director  
7:50 Convention Sermon—Landrum P. Leavell III, pastor, First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Texas  
Alternate—Albert Simms, pastor, Rivermont Avenue Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Virginia  
8:25 Benediction—William H. Puckett, pastor, First Baptist Church, Mount Gilead, North Carolina

**Wednesday Morning**

THEME: "Mandate to Minister through the Churches"

8:45 Pre-Session Music—Youth Bell Choir, River Oaks Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, Gerald Armstrong, director  
9:00 Song Service  
9:10 Scripture—John B. Shelton, pastor, Kelham Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Prayer—Edward Hughes Pruden, pastor, First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

9:15 Miscellaneous Business

9:35 Executive Committee Report—Porter W. Routh, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tennessee

10:55 Special Music—Ouachita Baptist University Choir, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, Charles W. Wright, director

11:05 Radio and Television Commission—Paul M. Stevens, executive secretary - treasurer - director, Fort Worth, Texas

11:30 Special Music—First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, Robert L. Snead, minister of music

11:35 President's Address—H. Franklin Paschall, pastor, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee

12:10 Benediction—Lehman Webb, pastor, First Baptist Church, Hot Springs, Arkansas

**Wednesday Afternoon**

THEME: "Mandate to Minister through Education"

1:45 Pre-Session Music

2:00 Song Service

2:10 Scripture—R. Carrington Paulette, pastor, First Baptist Church, Staunton, Virginia

Prayer—Jack Rogers, pastor, North Hillside Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas

2:15 Election of Officers and Miscellaneous Business

2:45 Education Commission—Rabun L. Brantley, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tennessee

3:00 Congregational Hymn

3:05 Report of Theological Seminaries

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary—Harold K. Graves, president, Mill Valley, California

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary—Miliard J. Berquist, president, Kansas City, Missouri

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary—H. Leo Eddleman, president, New Orleans, La.

Seminary Extension Department—Ralph A. Herring, director, Nashville, Tennessee

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary—Olin T. Binkley, president, Wake Forest, North Carolina

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary—Duke M. McCall, president, Louisville, Kentucky

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary—Robert E. Naylor, president, Fort Worth, Texas

Special Music—The Seminarians, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Ray Baker, director

Address on Theological Education—H. Leo Eddleman, president, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

4:20 Benediction—Stanley R. Hahn, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dublin, Georgia

**Wednesday Night**

THEME: "Mandate to Minister to America"

6:45 Pre-Session Music

7:00 Song Service

7:10 Scripture—O. R. Rice, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri

Prayer—Charles F. Polston, Training Union and church music secretary, Baptist Convention of New Mexico, Albuquerque

7:15 Sunday School Board—James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tennessee

8:00 Special Music—Sons of Jubal, Georgia, ministers of music, Paul McCommon, director

8:10 Home Mission Board Report and Commissioning Service—Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary-treasurer, Atlanta, Georgia

Special Music—Joe Ann Shelton, director of program music, SBC Radio-Television Commission, Fort Worth, Texas

Address: "The Ministry of Reconciliation"—Kenneth L. Chafin, professor of evangelism, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Special Appeal—Arthur B. Rutledge

9:30 Benediction—Jerald R. White Jr., pastor, Central Baptist Church, Altavista, Virginia

**Thursday Morning**

THEME: "Mandate to Minister to Persons"

8:45 Pre-Session Music

9:00 Song Service

9:10 Scripture—Otto J. Brown, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana

Prayer—Kenneth A. Estep, pastor, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania

9:15 Report of Committee on Boards and Miscellaneous Business

9:45 Election of Officers

10:00 Chaplain's Commission—George W. Cummins, director, Atlanta, Georgia

10:10 Southern Baptist Hospitals—Hardy M. Harrell, acting executive secretary - treasurer, New Orleans, Louisiana

10:20 Historical Commission—Davis C. Woolley, executive secretary, Nashville, Tennessee

10:30 Committee on Denominational Calendar—John W. Salzman, pastor, Hillcrest Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas

10:35 American Baptist Theological Seminary—Rabun L. Brantley, executive secretary - treasurer, Education Commission, Nashville, Tennessee

10:45 Committee on Baptist State Papers—Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, chairman

**Thursday Afternoon**

THEME: "Mandate to Minister to the World"

6:45 Pre-Session Music

7:00 Song Service

7:10 Scripture—Sam Hoy, director of cooperative church development, Hawaii Baptist Convention, Honolulu

Prayer—Richard Judd, pastor, Penn-Junction Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri

7:15 Annuity Board—R. Alton Reed, executive secretary, Dallas, Texas

7:35 American Bible Society—W. C. Fields, public relations secretary, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tennessee; chairman SBC American Bible Society Committee

7:45 Woman's Missionary Union—Alma Hunt, executive secretary, Birmingham, Alabama

8:00 Congregational Hymn and Special Music—Claude Rhea, Houston Baptist College, Houston, Texas

8:10 Foreign Mission Board—Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, Richmond, Virginia

9:35 Benediction—Bennett Cook, director, church services division, Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington, Portland, Oregon

**Friday Morning**

THEME: "Mandate to Minister through Christian Fellowship"

8:45 Pre-Session Music

9:00 Song Service

9:10 Scripture—Herman E. Jacobs, pastor, Crieveview Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee

Prayer—John A. Wood, pastor, First Baptist Church, Paducah, Kentucky

9:15 Committee on Resolutions

9:30 Miscellaneous Business

10:00 Special Music—Baylor University Choir, Waco, Texas, Ewell Porter, director

10:10 Stewardship Commission—Merrill D. Moore, executive director-treasurer, Nashville, Tennessee

10:25 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers—Response by Joseph H. Jackson, president, National Baptist Convention, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

11:05 Baptist World Alliance—Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary, Washington, D. C.

11:15 Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs—C. Emmanuel Carlson, executive director, Washington, D. C.

11:35 Congregational Hymn

11:40 Address—J. D. Gray, pastor, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana

12:05 Benediction—Frank Trotter, pastor, Logan Street Baptist Church, Mount Vernon, Illinois

**Friday Afternoon**

THEME: "Mandate to Minister through the Laity"

1:45 Pre-Session Music—Handbell choir, Central Baptist Church, Miami, Florida, Kenneth Osbrink director

2:00 Song Service

2:05 Scripture—Richard E. Myers, pastor, University Baptist Church, Charlottesville, Virginia

Prayer—W. LeRay Fowler, pastor, West University Baptist Church, Houston, Texas

2:15 Miscellaneous Business

2:30 Brotherhood Commission—George W. Schroeder, executive secretary - treasurer, Memphis, Tennessee

2:45 Committee on Canadian Baptist Cooperation—Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary-treasurer, SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia

2:50 Special Music—Clint and Jarvis Rose Nichols, New York City

3:00 Address—James Pleitz, pastor, First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida

3:30 Benediction—Bob McPherson, pastor, Riverside Baptist Church, Denver, Colorado

**Friday Night**

THEME: "Mandate to Minister to Youth"

6:45 Pre-Session Music

7:00 Song Service

7:10 Scripture—Robert F. Cochran, pastor, Bon Air Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia

Prayer—Byron Bruce, pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, Casa Grande, Arizona

7:15 Special Music—Combined Youth Choirs, Miami area Baptist churches

7:25 Address—Jim Voss, Youth Inc., New York City

7:55 Special Music

8:00 Address—Carl Bates, pastor, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina

8:30 Benediction—Robert Woodward, pastor, First Baptist Church, Frederick, Maryland

**ADJOURN**

Convention Organist: Sharron Lyon, music assistant, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee

Convention Pianist: Max Uyll, assistant professor of music, Belmont College, Nashville, Tennessee

**Program recommended by Committee on Order of Business**

H. Cowen Ellis (chairman), First Baptist Church, Charlottesville, Virginia

Morris Wall, First Baptist Church, Kaufman, Texas

Archie E. Brown, First Baptist Church, Vandalia, Illinois

Anson Justice, Crestwood Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Richard Kay, layman, Fresno, California

Elmer F. Ruark, layman, Salisbury, Maryland

H. Franklin Paschall (ex officio), SBC president, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee

**Village Sets Easter Campaign**

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so prefers may send gifts of cash to Village offices and such cash gifts will be used to purchase clothing for the sponsored child.

Mr. Nunnery's announcement emphasized that gifts of cash are frequently more satisfactory in the case of boys who are often difficult to fit

Amounts Suggested

For the information of sponsors who prefer to send cash gifts in response to this appeal, it has been suggested that a cash gift of \$10.00 will adequately clothe a child of 8 years of age or less; a gift of \$15.00 will adequately clothe a child of 8 to 12 years; and a gift of \$25.00 will adequately clothe a child of 13 to 16

years.

Boys and girls from 17 years of age through the college years generally require a gift of \$35.00 for these purposes.

The Children's Village has enrolled and is supporting 10 different young people from its campus in college this year.

10:55 Southern Baptist Foundation—J. W. Storer, executive secretary-treasurer, Nashville, Tennessee

11:05 Christian Life Commission Report—Foy Valentine, executive secretary - treasurer, Nashville, Tennessee

11:15 Address on Peace—U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield, Oregon

11:45 Special Music—Al Fennell, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Pompano Beach, Fla.

Sermon—Theodore F. Adams, pastor, First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia

12:25 Benediction—Ted Roberts, pastor, Narbonne Avenue Baptist Church, Lomita, California

**Thursday Afternoon - No Convention Session**

**Thursday Night**

THEME: "Mandate to Minister to the World"

6:45 Pre-Session Music

7:00 Song Service

7:10 Scripture—Sam Hoy, director of cooperative church development, Hawaii Baptist Convention, Honolulu

Prayer—Richard Judd, pastor, Penn-Junction Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri

7:15 Annuity Board—R. Alton Reed, executive secretary, Dallas, Texas

7:35 American Bible Society—W. C. Fields, public relations secretary, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tennessee; chairman SBC American Bible Society Committee

7:45 Woman's Missionary Union—Alma Hunt, executive secretary, Birmingham, Alabama

8:00 Congregational Hymn and Special Music—Claude Rhea, Houston Baptist College, Houston, Texas

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## The Baptist Student Ministry

On Sunday afternoon, February 19, dedication ceremonies were held for a new Baptist Student Center adjacent to the campus of Mississippi Delta Junior College at Moorhead.

This is the first completely new building to be erected for BSU work at any junior college in Mississippi, although there are BSU buildings at several of the state-controlled junior institutions, and property for future development is owned at others. There are BSU buildings at most of the senior colleges and universities, and Baptist student work is carried on at almost every institution of higher learning in the state.

The new structure at Moorhead is completely adequate for the varied ministry of the BSU with a chapel or auditorium, offices, a prayer room, a lounge, a recreation center with kitchen, and other facilities.

The new center was erected through the efforts of interested pastors, churches and individuals of the Delta Junior College area, in cooperation with the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board through its Department of Student Work.

The erection and dedication of such facilities points up the effort of Mississippi Baptists to minister to all Baptist students in the state, whatever institution they may be attending.

The convention majors, of course, on the support of its own four colleges, and the largest single item in the budget for state causes is Christian Education.

At the same time, however, the convention is not unmindful of the fact that the majority of Baptist students are not in Baptist colleges, but are attending the state-supported institutions. Indeed, there are more Baptist students on each of two of the state universities, than are enrolled in all of the Baptist institutions put together.

It is because of this that the Baptist Student program plays such an important part in the denominational ministry. Under the direction of State Student Director Ralph B. Winders, and through the service of well trained BSU directors on each of the campuses, the Department of Student Work is providing a spiritual ministry to thousands of students, whether in Baptist institutions or not. The work is done in full cooperation with local churches and pastors, as well as with the administration of the institutions.

It is well known that we are living in a day of accent on youth, and that the young men and women who are in the colleges of today will be the leaders of our nation tomorrow. In this time of confusion, uncertainty and moral crisis, these young people need spiritual direction and leadership, perhaps as never before in history. The Department of Student Work is earnestly seeking to give that leadership to the young Baptists on the campuses, and it deserves the support and prayers of every Baptist in the state.

### GUEST EDITORIAL—

## The Pastor

J. Terry Young in California Southern Baptist

The most described and least understood group of men in America today are our pastors. These committed men, called by God to special tasks of Christian service, deserve a better understanding on the part of those whom they serve.

Pastors are often the victims of ironic circumstances. For many men in the ministry, being a pastor is almost synonymous with being a pauper. Ironically, even though pastors' salaries have risen sharply in recent years, their buying power today is considerably less than it was 20 or 30 years ago. Though the dollar amounts of their salaries have risen, the increases have not kept pace with the cost of living.

Most pastors make less money than the local garbage collector and most of them could double or triple their salaries by going to work as carpenters or as electricians.

They are often teased about having nothing to do but preach twice a week when in reality their working week frequently runs to 80 hours! While giving their lives in ministering to others, they become almost strangers to their own families who often live in loneliness and neglect.

Though their prescribed course of study in college and seminary requires enough work to earn a doctorate degree in almost any other field, they finish with two degrees, both of which are known as bachelor's degrees. In spite of the fact that their specialized training is equal to that of almost any other man in the community they are sometimes accused of being poorly educated because they are not experts in half a dozen fields.

In being all things to all men, the pastor may go from the depth of sorrow as he walks through the shadows of grief at the death of a loved one to the heights of sublime joy as he rejoices with a young couple over the birth of their first child—and all that within the space of one hour. He may be shocked, vexed, discouraged, disappointed, unnerved and saddened by what he hears in his counseling ministry, all the while maintaining a calm exterior and having no one with whom to share his own burdens.

To many church members the pastor is merely the man who works for the church, or who preaches on Sunday, or who seems irritated for being asked to unlock the church building so Sister Smith can retrieve her coffee pot.

What is the role of the pastor? What is his multifaceted ministry? What does he do with all his time in between Sundays? Why does he spend so much time in his study? He should be among the most appreciated men in American life today—the pastor.

## PERSPECTIVE

Robert J. Hastings

### "BABY FOOD"

Last year, about 25,000 mailboxes in the United States were destroyed or damaged by vandals and pranksters. Nothing so unusual about that, is there?

Last year in Michigan two 18-year-olds were sentenced to 10 days in jail and fined \$40 for damaging mailboxes. Nothing so unusual about that, is there?

But the same judge placed those 18-year-olds on a diet of baby food, saying they had acted like babies in destroying personal property. Now that's unusual!

We don't know how the 18-year-olds enjoyed their strained carrots and peas, their chopped liver, and their purees and soups. But one has to admire the judge for his ingenuity in matching the punishment to the crime.

Some of us are mighty lucky that God does not treat us as babies each time we act like an infant. Imagine full grown men and women, professing Christians for decades or more, parading to church in baby clothes, wearing pink ribbons and soft-soled shoes, crying for their bottles, and stomping on their teething rings!

Paul wrote, "When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things" (1 Cor. 13:11).



"AND OTHER SHEEP I HAVE, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd." (John 10:16) Your participation in the March Week of Prayer will mean other people will be brought into the fold. (Home Board Photo)

## LEADERS ASK COOPERATION

(Continued from page 1)  
pointed to religion in public schools, aid to higher education, and race relations, as well as the ecumenical movement.

Prof. Ward listed the authority of the Bible, nature of salvation, religious authority, church-state separation, the nature of the church and church renewal, and eschatology (doctrine of the end of the world).

Regarding federal or state assistance to higher education, Dr. McCall suggested that such aid be given directly to students and not to colleges. This procedure, he said, gives students more freedom to attend a school of their choice. Many Baptist students in state-supported schools would attend Baptist colleges if they could afford it, he added.

At a separate session of the press association, two editors debated the controversial question of federal grants to Baptist schools. Southern Baptists have been traditionally against state aid to religious institutions as an infringement of church-state separation.

Speaking in favor of federal grants was Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the Arkansas Baptist newsmagazine, against was Gene Puckett, editor of the Maryland Baptist.

Mr. McDonald said that higher education is a mutual concern of church and state and both can better serve society by working together, and that there was little or no

danger of government control of state-aided colleges.

He maintained that church and state can cooperate in education, without impairing the basic rights and privileges of either.

Mr. Puckett said it was illegal, unethical and impractical for Baptist schools to accept federal grants. With state assistance, he said, Baptist colleges would cease to be denominational institutions and come under government control.

He pointed out that for years Baptist schools have urged church financing on the grounds that they are "an extension of the churches" in evangelism, missions and education. If this is their purpose, he observed government grants would be direct support of a religion with tax funds.

### Officers Elected

MOBILE, Ala. (BP) — The executive secretaries of 29 state Baptist conventions meeting here elected Earl O. Harding of Jefferson City, Mo., as president of their informal organization.

Harding, executive secretary of the Missouri Baptist Convention, succeeds N. J. Westmoreland, executive secretary of the neighboring Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists.

E. Harmon Moore, executive secretary of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, was elected vice president, and Glen E. Braswell of the Colorado Baptist General Convention, was re-elected secretary.

The executive secretaries voted to meet next year in Honolulu, Hawaii, Feb. 12-15. Meeting simultaneously will be the Southern Baptist Press Association.

The Southern Baptist Press Association elected Editor James Cole of The Baptist Message in Louisiana as new president of the organization composed of state Baptist paper editors and six other

## Newest In Books

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER by Ralph A. Herring (Broadman, 80 pp., \$2.50)

This devotional book reveals HOW MUCH could be accomplished by prayer and helps Christian realize HOW LITTLE is actually done through prayer—because of lack of understanding, and unwillingness to pay the price. It challenges Christians to experience a richer, fuller prayer life. Dr. Herring, former Mississippian, has been director of the Seminary Extension Department of the Southern Baptist Seminary since 1961. His parents were missionaries to China and he spent his childhood there. He was a pastor before going into his present work with the seminaries.

THE ARE OF UNDERSTANDING YOURSELF by Cecil Osborne (Zondervan, 216 pp., \$4.95; Special Introductory Price until April 29, 1967, is \$3.95)

The author insists that man is not made up of compartments—body, mind, spirit—but that he is a single unit, and that what affects him spiritually will affect him physically and psychologically. This book is an examination of "the invisible barriers" that prevent us from knowing and loving one another.

THE CHILD'S STORY BIBLE by Catherine F. Vos (Eerdmans, 435 pp., \$6.50)

This new edition of an old favorite has been revised with care to retain the fresh, vivid style of the original book, which was published in 1935. Many persons looking for a Bible storybook for their children will recognize these as the same stories they as children listened to in wonderment. The revision (done by Mrs. Vos's daughter, Marianne Vos Radium) conforms more closely to the language of the child today. New pictures and maps by Betty Beebe are rich complements for the text, and provide powerful visual aids to understanding of Biblical times, places, persons, and events. The binding and book jacket are exceptionally handsome.

GOD WITH US, A LIFE OF JESUS FOR YOUNG READERS by Marianne Radium (Wm. B. Eerdmans, 286 pp., \$1.50)

The author has an exceptional ability to speak in a language that young readers understand. In these stories

Southern Baptist publications. Named vice president was O. L. Bayless, editor of the Rocky Mountain Baptist published in Colorado; and re-elected secretary was Don McGregor, associate editor of the Baptist Standard, published in Texas.

The editors voted to meet simultaneously with the state Baptist executive secretaries in Honolulu, Hawaii, Feb. 12-15, 1968.

she tells that joyful message of the Bible that "God is with us." The people who met Jesus come alive, and the places He visited become real. She shows Jesus "not only as the Man who walked the dusty roads of Palestine, but also the Messiah and Saviour who was the hope of the Old Testament saints and is the living Lord of men today."

MEALTIME GRACES FOR THE FAMILY by Walter L. Cook (Abingdon, 72 pp., \$1.50)

This small leather-bound book contains written mealtime prayers for morning, noon, night, for special times, as during an illness in the home, or on a family picnic, and for outstanding days such as birthdays, Easter, Thanksgiving, Mother's Day, and Christmas.

PLEASE TELL ME A STORY by Velma B. Kiefer (Baker, 153 pp., \$2.95)

Here are stories to read and to tell to small children. The stories depict life situations which confront children of today. The author appears on a weekly TV program in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where she tells "Stories of the King." Black and white illustrations are by Wayne De Jonge.

STORY SERMONS BY CHILDREN by Luther S. Cross (Baker, paperback \$1.50, 102 pp.)

Included with story sermons in this book are optional object, picture, chalk, and puppet adaptations. Each "sermon" is preceded by a text of Scripture and followed by an appropriate illustration.

CALL OF THE HIGH ROAD by Vera Minshall (Zondervan, 154 pp., \$2.50)

This new novel is the story of a champion racing driver who as the result of an accident was put out of action, and who buried himself behind a wall of self-pity. The story points out the relevancy of the gospel to contemporary life.

LITTLE HUNCHBACK GIRL OF KOREA by Dorothy C. Haskin (Baker, 67 pp., \$1.95)

This book of missionary stories shows how the gospel changes lives and replaces suffering with joy and peace. It is a book for children about the children of the world; but adults will thrill, too, to its emotional impact. The author is a missions researcher for World Vision.

50 DEVOTIONAL PROGRAMS by E. C. Andrews (Baker, paperback, 100 pp., \$1.50)

Here are fifty devotional programs with suggested Scripture readings and hymns, suitable for many groups and various occasions. The author is pastor of the Magnolia Avenue Baptist Church in Beaumont, Texas.

DEVOTIONALS FOR WORKSHIP PROGRAMS by Fredna W. Bennett (Baker, paperback, 74 pp., \$1.50)

Each of these interesting devotionals makes an unforgettable and valuable point. The writer is a member of First Baptist Church, Claude, Texas.

YOU'RE IN THE TEEN-AGE GENERATION by Paul Hostetler (Baker, paperback, \$1.00 64 pp.)

This new book contains material for personal reading and for use with chats with teen-agers about God, parents, church, recreation, evolution, the Bible, etc.

MORE FAMOUS MOTHERS FROM BIBLE AND HISTORY by Elmer R. Hughes (Exposition, 96 pp., \$3.50)

Relating from Scripture the lives of Mary, mother of Jesus the mother of Samson, and and in a modern vein the mothers of notable historical figures, the author presents an admirable picture of motherhood.

THROUGH HOSPITAL WINDOWS by Lois Horton Young (The Judson Press, 31 pp., paperback, \$1.00)

This is a keenly perceptive little book about life as it is lived in the world of the hospital, and how God makes Himself known in that world. It would be a good gift to take a hospital patient.

We can receive only what actually belongs to us. Nothing remains with us that we do not own by making it part of our whole being.

A toad in captivity in Copenhagen, Denmark, is 54 years old!

## Baptist Forum

### Seeks Information On Z. N. Morrell

Dear Sir:

I have become very interested in an early Texas Baptist Minister, the late Z. N. Morrell. He lived in Mississippi from 1865-1898. In his book, Fruits and Flowers, Z. N. Morrell tells about helping found three churches and the Yalobusha Baptist Association. I have written a short paper on him for a course I am taking at Houston Baptist College.

I would like to have some more information about him. The historical information of early Texas Ministers has not been brought up to date. I would like to have references on his life and any knowledge of his living descendants.

Samuel B. Heiler  
615 Dorchester  
Houston, Texas 77022

## MORAL SCENE

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SBC  
Cigarette advertising on television will be examined very carefully by the Senate Commerce Committee. Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.) has served notice that the cigarette industry "must either give up television advertising or work with the networks to provide public service time for smoking and health education, so that there will be some counter-balance in this matter."

An advertising campaign aimed at getting parents to help prevent their children from drinking is being conducted in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, which owns and operates all of the state's liquor stores, plans advertisements over a four-month period in some 350 newspapers urging parents to sign a pledge, which reads, in part: "I don't care what other parents let their children do. I am not going to let my children drink any alcoholic or malt beverage at home or anywhere else before they are 21." Although state law prohibits the consumption of alcoholic beverages by persons under 21, the pledge itself has no legal status.

The toll of the Vietnam war through January 1967 was: 6,000 dead, 35,000 wounded, more than thirty billion dollars spent.

Four things menace world peace, according to U. N. Secretary-General U. Thant: First: the bitter differences in political ideology... peace can always be threatened by any nation believing that it alone knows the whole truth. Second: the troubling remnants of colonialism. Third: the ugly conflicts of race and color. Fourth: the terrible division between rich and poor peoples.

"Contrary to what might be imagined, the unwed mother is usually the shy, withdrawn, subjective type, lacking in self-confidence," according to Lloyd Shearer in an article, "They Had To Get Married" (Parade magazine, Nov. 20, 1966). Shearer stated that 50 percent of the teenage brides today are already pregnant. If the bride and her husband are both of high school age her pregnancy is an 80 percent certainty.

## Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

February 27 — Lester James, Neshoba County supt. of missions; C. H. Melton, Newton County supt. of missions.

February 28 — Joe Cooper, faculty, Mississippi College; Mrs. Sarah Cooper, staff, Mississippi College.

March 1 — Charles C. Malone, Baptist Book Store; Mrs. Ethel Moore, staff, Children's Village.

March 2 — Charles Lott, Baptist Student Director, Delta Junior College; O. P. Moore, faculty, Clarke College.

March 3 — Mrs. Sandra Brannon, Baptist headquarters; Rob Brown, Baptist Building.

March 4 — Bess Hutchins, faculty, Blue Mountain College; Amelie Gilbert, faculty, Blue Mountain College.

March 5 — Mrs. Olga Everett, faculty, William Carey College; Mrs. Dorothy Bell, medical-surgical instructor, Gilroy School of Nursing.

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## CENTER GROVE CALLS PASTOR

Center Grove Church, Ma-ben, Oktibbeha County, has called Rev. Bryan W. Sherman as pastor; he and his family have moved into the parsonage.

He has held pastorates in Tennessee and Mississippi, and moved to Center Grove from churches in Baldwin County.

Mr. Sherman, a native Mississippian, is a graduate of Mississippi College. He received his Master's in Guidance Education from Mississippi State, and is now working on his Advanced Masters from State.

with God that is necessarily good."

The early church broke bread together. In verse 42, Luke indicates that this was done from house to house. It, normally describes a regular meal. It is thought that the disciples meet each evening and shared a common meal. What is most probable is that they ate together for sociability, better understanding, and to share what they had. This experience was carried to the homes as a means of building up their joy and faith. After this common meal, the Lord's Supper was observed, occasionally.

The group prayed together. The Spirit led them to worship wherever they might be. They continued, steadfastly, to pray and as a result, their fellowship was strengthened. The Spirit moves upon people who worship God.

This type of ministry had wonderful results. The fellowship was happy. This led the people to have a winsome attractiveness. Their ministry bore a witness to the whole community that salvation was worth having. They also bore witness that Christ would save all who would believe and many did believe and joined the group. The ministry of the church is never complete unless the lost are won to faith in Christ. Their fellowship was to help them become a committed company. All of this was not possible without the Spirit of God upon them.

# The Sunday School Lesson

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON— LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM—

## Faithful In Little And In Much

By Clifton J. Allen  
Luke 16:17

The Gospel of Luke has a recurring emphasis on the matter of stewardship. Much of the teaching of Jesus related to the spiritual values of the kingdom of God and to warnings about the peril of covetousness. He declared the irreconcilable conflict between God and mammon.

### The Lesson Explained MAMMON A TEST (16:10-13)

The meaning of these verses is to be found, in part, in the preceding passage—the parable of the unrighteous steward. Jesus spoke the parable, not to condone or commend the unjust steward, but to show that he acted shrewdly or wisely from the standpoint of personal interest. He looked ahead and used his money to insure future advantage. Jesus was teaching that mammon can be used for spiritual ends; it can contribute to blessings in the future life.

The teaching of Jesus emphasizes that mammon is a test. If one is faithful on the lower level of material values, he is likely to be faithful on the higher level of spiritual values. If a person acknowledges God as the Lord of his money, he is more likely to acknowledge God as the Lord of his life.

### ANSWERABLE TO GOD (16:14-15)

Jesus wanted to teach the Pharisees. He confronted them with the truth that spoke to their consciences. But they refused to hear. Instead, they scoffed at him. They tried to justify themselves before men; they had no concern to do the will of God. They, therefore, made a great show of their religious zeal. They were meticulous observers of religious rules and ceremonies. But their religiosity was abominable in the sight of God, for it failed to bear the fruits of obedience to God's commandments, compassion for their fellow men, and willingness to receive the Messiah in their midst. God knew their hearts.

### THE PLUS IN STEWARDSHIP (17:7-10)

The parable of the unprofitable servant needs to be understood in the context of the social situation of slavery. The owner of a slave had absolute right over the slave. It was expected that the slave would give complete obedience and full service to the master. Christians ought to learn that they owe God absolute obedience and complete devotion. Every act of devotion and service toward God is a privilege. Sonship to God can never be claimed on the basis of right or merit. Stewardship is the expression of truth and love, fidelity and gratitude.

### Truths to Live By

Living in a secular society requires conscious resistance to covetousness.—Radio, television, and magazines bombard people constantly with

advertisements making every possible appeal to human appetite and pride. The philosophy of our social order is that secular values come first. And all this means that Christians must fight with purpose the heresy that life is measured by a large income, owning one or two automobiles, having a motorboat for fishing, having a TV set and every automatic home convenience, and being able to keep up with neighbors in an endless round of entertainment. This is exactly what it means to worship mammon—to seek the things of the world. For this reason Jesus said, "Beware of covetousness." The preventive is found in setting one's heart on Jesus Christ, on the values of his kingdom.

Christian stewardship is a fact—to be taken seriously.—The principle to govern a Christian's life is the concept of stewardship: all that he has is a trust from God. One's whole self belongs to God.

Christians can learn from the world.—If people controlled by self-interest learn the values of diligence, development of skill, self-denial for the sake of long-range objectives, and courage to face difficulties and overcome them, why should not Christians recognize that these same qualities will contribute to success in spiritual undertakings? The children of light ought to be wiser than the children of darkness in using every God-given faculty, and they can become more creative because they can claim the endowment of the Spirit of God.

## VISITATION

the practice of Jesus (Matthew 9:35)  
the product of compassion (Matthew 9:36)  
the principle of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20)  
the program of the early churches (Acts 13:1-3)  
the plan for enlisting people (Luke 14:29)  
the preparation for evangelism (Luke 10:29)  
the proof of religion (James 1:22)  
the partnership with Christ—The Builder Temple, Hattiesburg (John 15:16)  
the price of fruit bearing (Matthew 25:35-40)

## Dwight Phillips Passes Away

ATLANTA (BP) — Dwight F. Phillips, 47, minister of music at the First Baptist Church of Decatur, Ga., for almost seven years, died Feb. 8 of a heart attack.

Phillips was president of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference in 1959-60, and was music director at the First Baptist Church of Texarkana, Tex., before coming to Georgia.

The longest will on record was that of Mrs. Frederica Cook (U.S.) early in the 20th century, which consisted of four bound volumes containing 95,940 words.

## Manifestation Of The Spirit

By Bill Duncan  
Act 2:1-4; Lev. 23:15-22

The feast of Pentecost for the Jews had two main significances. It was the historical commemoration of the giving of the law to Moses on Mount Sinai. It had agricultural significance for the first omer of barley was offered to God and 2 loaves were offered in gratitude for the complete and ingathered harvest. The law laid down that, "No servants should work on that day" (Lev. 23:21) thus allowing large crowds to gather in Jerusalem.

The experience that is significant is that the power of the Spirit flooded the disciples as never before. The disciples were in a spirit of oneness, as a result of their prayer and seeking. This was not the first coming of the Spirit. The Spirit had worked upon men in the Old Testament. In the days of Christ, the Spirit had been felt. Now, the presence of the Spirit was to be abiding. There is no other occurrence in the book of Acts to compare with it. No one should minimize this day in Christian history.

The presence of the Holy Spirit was accomplished with outward signs. There was a sound "like" a violent gust of wind. There were tongues similar to fire that were distributed and rested upon each. There was speaking in other tongues that was confusing to the observers. They thought they were drunk. The purpose of this gift was to make the witness understandable to various language groups. Those who made charges of drunkenness were disturbed and did not understand and this was a way of dismissing it lightly. All these outward signs passed away, but the presence and power of the Holy Spirit was permanent and real. This became an experience that changed these disciples. The power of the Spirit was such that it had given these simple disciples a message and an utterance that could reach every heart. The act of receiving the Spirit was repeated again and again through the book of Acts.

### THE MESSAGE OF THE APOSTLE 29-41

Under the leadership of the Spirit, Peter stood and preached. All preaching is fruitless unless it is delivered with the power of the Spirit. For the Spirit is responsible for conviction, not the messenger. This was a Spirit empowered message.

The apostle stressed that the resurrection was the final proof that Jesus was indeed God's chosen one. Peter chose to close the message, declaring that the promise to David, that his descendant would sit upon the throne, had been accomplished. This One, Christ, is ruling in the hearts of men because of the accomplishments of His death and resurrection.

The extent of the Cross is present by Peter to "cut their heart." By rejecting and crucifying Jesus, they had grouped themselves with the wrong. The cross was used as a spring board to call for repentance. The call to repentance called for change of mind and action. In Verse 38, Peter brought the message to a climax. He declared that repentance would bring them forgiveness and the gift of the Spirit. Repentance was followed by forgiveness, not baptism. The baptism was for public confession of faith in Jesus. True, baptism is meaningless unless, already the sinner has repented of his sin and on the basis of forgiveness, asked for this ordinance. This forgiveness and gift of the Holy Spirit were available to all who God called. The teaching of the Bible is that the Christian life is a calling because God takes the initiative in man's salvation. The Bible doctrine of election does not speak of the choice of one man instead of another, but God's choice of man rather than man's choice of God.

The result of this message, brought joy to the apostles and the three thousand that were baptized. God fulfilled



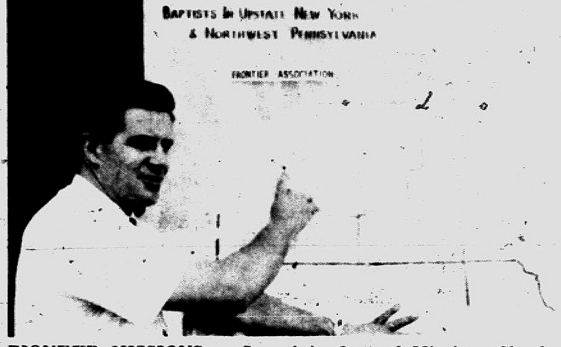
RURAL-URBAN MISSIONS — Recent Southern Seminary graduate Earl Troglin holding Sunday services in the rain at the camp grounds, Jekyll Island, Ga. Resort Missions is one of the newer fields of Rural-Urban Missions.—(Home Board Photo)

## IN ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS—

# Home Mission Board Has Three Programs



METROPOLITAN MISSIONS—Downtown Chicago area. Our big cities offer Southern Baptists one of its greatest challenges in winning the lost. There are more than 2 1-2 million unchurched in metropolitan Chicago.—(Home Board Photo)



PIONEER MISSIONS — Superintendent of Missions Charles Magruder with associational map covering his area, 13 counties in New York and five in No. Western Pennsylvania. This pioneer area has a population of about 3,000,000.— (Home Board Photo)

## Woman's Missionary Union

### WMU Convention, March 28-29

The annual meeting of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union will be held at First Baptist Church, Jackson on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 28-29.

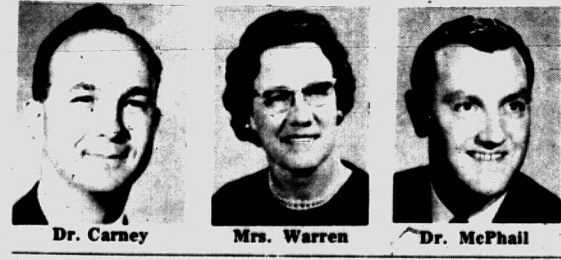
The theme selected for the two-day meeting will be "As You Go... Teach" and Mrs. W. E. Hannah, of Clinton, will preside over each session.

Highlighting each session will be the devotional period led by a native Mississippian, Mrs. C. C. Warren, nee Sybil Brame of Yazoo City. Representing Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, will be Elaine Dickson and Dr. J. R. Estes will represent the Home Mission Board and will speak during the Tuesday morning session.

Youth meetings will be held as follows:  
Primary Sunbeams, 4:30-5:30 at Calvary  
GAs and YWAs, 7:30 at First Church

The Tuesday evening session will feature Dr. J. W. Carney, missionary doctor to Pakistan, and Dr. J. L. McPhail, Mississippi missionary doctor to India.

Mr. Frank Stovall, of Southwestern Seminary, will direct the music and will render special music at each session. Three program personalities are pictured below.



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## South Mississippi Brotherhood Retreat

The first Brotherhood Retreat, promoted and directed by the Brotherhood Department, will be held at Paul B. Johnson State Park March 17 and 18.

The musical program for this retreat will be under the direction of Rev. W. T. Broadus, pastor of Osyka Baptist Church, Osyka.

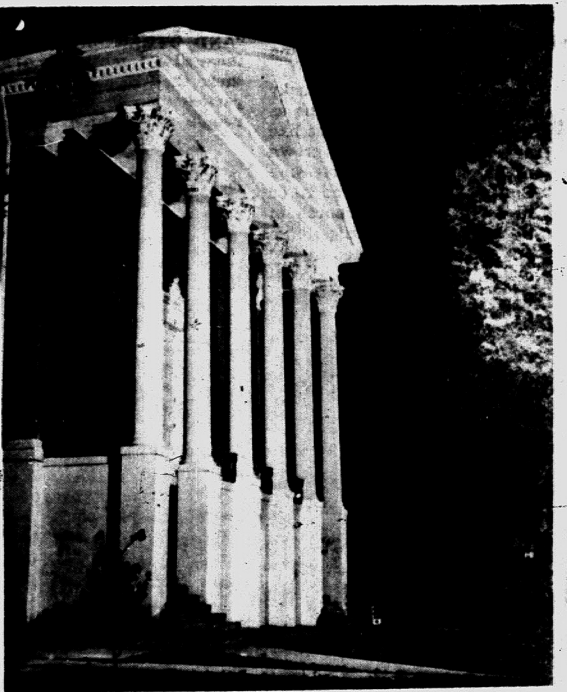
The program will begin with registration at 3 p.m., Friday, March 17. The program is designed in such a way as to provide a challenge to the men unto a deeper spiritual experience. We are not planning to have any Brotherhood training conferences, camps, and so forth, promoted during the retreat. May we urge upon you the urgency to make plans now to attend. The Baptist Men and Young Men's units of the church Brotherhood program should commit one or more members to attend.

### REGISTRATION FORM Brotherhood Retreat

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:  
March 17-18, Hattiesburg ( )  
March 24-25, Grenada ( )

Number from your church planning to attend.  
Please mail to Brotherhood Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson 39205.



## STATE YOUTH MUSIC Tournament & Workshop

(For High School Juniors and Seniors Only)  
Mississippi College, Clinton  
March 3-4, 1967

The church Music Department is expanding its program this year to offer a challenge to junior and senior high school students who have outstanding musical ability.

Those in the PIANO and VOCAL DIVISIONS who received a SUPERIOR RATING at the district festivals in February are eligible to participate in the State Youth Music Tournament and Workshop scheduled for March 3-4 at Mississippi College.

### SCHEDULE Friday, March 3

4:00 p.m. Registration: Lobby of Aven Hall (Music Building)  
5:30 p.m. Supper: Dining Hall (Price \$1.00)  
6:30 p.m. Adjudication of Participants: Aven Auditorium  
8:00 p.m. Break  
8:15 p.m. Concert by Faculty Members: Aven Auditorium

9:30 p.m. Reception for Participants and Faculty. Student Activity Building, West Lobby  
Saturday, March 4:  
8:00 a.m. Breakfast: Dining Hall (Price \$1.00)  
9:00 a.m. Workshops in Small Groups  
1. The Vocal Machine: Aven Hall, Room 326  
2. Keyboard Agility: Aven Auditorium  
10:00 Workshops Continued  
1. Sight Singing-Solfege: Aven Hall, Room 403  
2. Keyboard Harmony: Aven Hall, Room 406  
11:00 a.m. Break  
11:15 a.m. Interviews with Faculty Members by Participants regarding adjudication on Friday evening  
12:00 noon Lunch: Dining Hall (Price \$1.00)  
1:00 p.m. Adjudgement

COST  
Dormitory space will be furnished, but bring your own linen. The participants total cost for two days should be about \$5.00 plus travel expenses.



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1st Aberdeen	218.65	6151.12	Sardis Lake Mis	76.05	126.26	Flowwood	242.65	156.86	399.52	Blaine	35.00	Warren Association	35.00	Warren Assn	35.00	Warren Assn	35.00
1st Amory	218.65	6151.12	Shady Grove	20.00	40.00	Galilee	242.65	156.86	399.52	Centerfield	35.00	Warren Assn	35.00	Warren Assn	35.00	Warren Assn	35.00
Friendship	218.65	6151.12	Tecoma	20.00	40.00	Grandview	242.65	156.86	399.52	Dockery	35.00	Warren Assn	35.00	Warren Assn	35.00	Warren Assn	35.00
Gattman	21.00	15.00	Union	130.36	84.43	Hickory Ridge	105.00	123.29	228.29	Drew	1700.00	Warren Assn	3732.36	Warren Assn	3732.36	Warren Assn	3732.36
Grace Chapel	76.36	50.32	Total	4963.96	9685.74	Leasburg	126.00	266.66	392.66	Fairview	1014.71	Warren Assn	1724.00	Warren Assn	1724.00	Warren Assn	1724.00
Greenwood-Srgs	1006.22	270.95				McLaurin Hgts	1353.33	1192.10	2545.43	1st Indianapolis	1500.00	Warren Assn	2314.36	Warren Assn	2314.36	Warren Assn	2314.36
Meadowood	380.48	177.53				Mountain Creek	127.94	137.58	265.52	1st Inverness	775.00	Warren Assn	1311.07	Warren Assn	1311.07	Warren Assn	1311.07
Gregory Chapel	42.32	26.35				MT Pisgah	191.49	191.49	382.98	Holly Ridge	20.00	Warren Assn	20.00	Warren Assn	20.00	Warren Assn	20.00
Liberty	18.00	211.00				MT Zion	93.44	130.48	223.92	Linn	929.19	Warren Assn	367.51	Warren Assn	367.51	Warren Assn	367.51
New Prospect	18.00	50.00				Oakdale	213.80	89.36	303.16	Moorehead	700.00	Warren Assn	1515.93	Warren Assn	1515.93	Warren Assn	1515.93
Prairie	22.20	704.20				Paul Truitt Mem	748.19	40.50	788.69	Roundaway	435.34	Warren Assn	1022.71	Warren Assn	1022.71	Warren Assn	1022.71
Recky Springs	22.20	937.70				1st Carter	1194.59	1073.37	2268.96	2nd Indianapolis	801.25	Warren Assn	1767.63	Warren Assn	1767.63	Warren Assn	1767.63
Smithville	124.33	131.81				Pearson	770.23	2079.40	3849.71	Sunflower	537.00	Warren Assn	1013.10	Warren Assn	1013.10	Warren Assn	1013.10
S Nettleton	310.00	367.86				Peulahachie	1703.31	2079.40	3849.71	Total	9964.93	Warren Assn	21390.30	Warren Assn	21390.30	Warren Assn	21390.30
Southside	15.26	30.32				Peulahachie	1703.31	2079.40	3849.71	Washington Association	171.00	Washington Assn	171.00	Washington Assn	171.00	Washington Assn	171.00
Spunge	7720.33	9790.51				Peulahachie	1703.31	2079.40	3849.71	Glendale	250.00	Washington Assn	250.00	Washington Assn	250.00	Washington Assn	250.00
Trinity	113.55	136.42				Pickett	218.00	261.85	479.85	Alexander Meml	95.41	Washington Assn	95.41	Washington Assn	95.41	Washington Assn	95.41
Montgomery	300.00	807.64				Rehobeth	139.20	203.48	342.68	Arcoia	196.51	Washington Assn	196.51	Washington Assn	196.51	Washington Assn	196.51
Bethesda	113.55	136.42				Richland	730.64	509.87	1240.51	Bogue	431.88	Washington Assn	431.88	Washington Assn	431.88	Washington Assn	431.88
Duck Hill	15.00	15.00				Rock Bluff	54.16	54.16	108.32	Calvary	747.54	Washington Assn	747.54	Washington Assn	747.54	Washington Assn	747.54
Ekridge	1041.98	405.47				Star	525.00	640.34	1165.34	Chinese Miss	45.14	Washington Assn	45.14	Washington Assn	45.14	Washington Assn	45.14
1st Winona	15.00	15.00				Sunshine	100.00	140.00	240.00	Darlove	73.57	Washington Assn	73.57	Washington Assn	73.57	Washington Assn	73.57
Hays Creek	15.00	15.00				Total	265.60	66.57	332.17	Emmanuel	351.36	Washington Assn	351.36	Washington Assn	351.36	Washington Assn	351.36
Hebron	493.77	410.31				Riverside Association	16921.81	16720.87	33642.68	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Klimchael	15.00	15.00				Berea	54.50	127.60	182.10	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Milligan Springs	10.00	10.00				Clarkdale	3200.34	3018.31	6218.65	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Mission	250.00	45.00				Dundee	134.75	61.43	196.18	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
No Winona	5.00	12.00				Fairview	30.32	45.48	75.80	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Mulberry	20.66	24.00				Cherry St	134.75	61.43	196.18	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Pine Forest	5.00	13.06				Fairview	30.32	45.48	75.80	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Poplar Crk Natio	5.00	10.00				Green River Miss	22.27	11.08	33.35	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Prospect	37.55	360.77				Jonestown	240.50	240.50	481.00	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Stewart	25.00	37.50				Little Texas	793.22	1188.25	1981.47	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Shiloh	25.00	37.50				Lula	1040.42	1040.42	2080.84	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
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Neshoba Association	40.00	40.00				Oakhurst	5337.77	1006.00	6343.77	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Neshoba Assn	308.21	290.61				Rena Lara	150.00	150.00	300.00	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Antioch	187.50	187.50				Riverside	314.62	650.85	965.47	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Bethesda	27.60	77.60				Tunica	939.57	4148.78	5088.35	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Bluff Springs	41.38	135.03				Union Chapel	425.12	1350.64	1775.76	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Coldwater	181.09	372.97				Total	13510.85	13504.60	27015.45	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
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Dixon	484.13	34.00				Bethel	72.55	62.83	135.38	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Fellowship	1900.00	1574.82				Bethlehem	163.50	348.93	512.43	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Good Hope	107.42	382.90				Branch	66.54	44.85	111.39	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
High Hill	37.50	67.50				Calvary	209.98	188.08	398.06	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Hope	25.00	43.50				Clifton	100.00	50.00	150.00	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Immanuel	25.00	43.50				Cooperville	138.66	58.46	197.12	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Laurel Hill	118.83	282.21				Ephesus	30.00	106.35	136.35	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Linwood	118.83	282.21				1st Morton	1350.94	2408.57	3759.51	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Longview	9.50	52.57				Forest	3025.97	4056.24	7082.21	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
McDonald	25.00	25.00				Hillsboro	249.99	271.91	521.90	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
MT Nelson	108.00	580.50				Homewood	268.80	227.50	496.30	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
New Bethel	24.00	65.72				Liberty	43.23	54.82	98.05	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
N Black Jack	24.00	65.72				Lake	268.80	227.50	496.30	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
New Harmony	161.00	484.07				Ludlow	275.00	275.00	550.00	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
North Calvary	108.00	580.50				MT Olive	10.00	25.00	35.00	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Oak Grove	108.00	580.50				New Good Hope	9.50	9.50	19.00	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Old Pearl Valley	20.00	86.66				Old Zion	48.80	48.80	97.60	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Pine Grove	20.00	86.66				Oak Grove	50.00	288.00	338.00	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Pleasant Dale	75.00	11.14				Pleasant Ridge	105.65	105.65	211.30	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Sardis	37.50	216.55				Raworth	44.10	44.10	88.20	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Spring Creek	52.15	108.35				Ridge	57.96	24.84	82.80	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Trinity	424.79	6291.73				Sandridge	34.00	175.12	209.12	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
White Oak	424.79	6291.73				Seaboard	304.00	1504.00	1808.00	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
New Chocoma Assn	12.00	40.40				Seaside	50.00	65.00	115.00	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
N Chocoma Assn	12.00	40.40				Shelby	210.00	293.15	503.15	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Bethesda	11.79	4.40				Shiloh	10.00	25.00	35.00	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Bogue Chitto	11.79	4.40				Shiloh	10.00	25.00	35.00	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Bogue Homa	11.79	4.40				Shiloh	10.00	25.00	35.00	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Calvary	19.37	4.75				Shiloh	10.00	25.00	35.00	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Canaan	40.88	24.95				Shiloh	10.00	25.00	35.00	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Corinth	15.00	53.30				Shiloh	10.00	25.00	35.00	1st Greenville	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00	Washington Assn	7350.00
Hope	64.85	43.21				Shiloh	10.00										

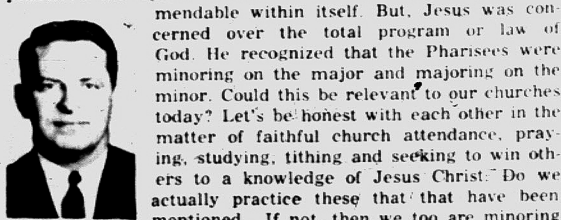


## DEVOTIONAL

### Some Common Errors Of This Age

Matthew 23:23

By Jimmy H. Hipp, Pastor, First Church, West Point



Jesus denounced the Pharisees for failing to practice the weightier matters of God's law. It is true that the Pharisees practiced the lighter matters of the law and this was commendable within itself. But, Jesus was concerned over the total program or law of God. He recognized that the Pharisees were minoring on the major and majoring on the minor. Could this be relevant to our churches today? Let's be honest with each other in the matter of faithful church attendance, praying, studying, tithing and seeking to win others to a knowledge of Jesus Christ. Do we actually practice these that have been mentioned. If not, then we too are minoring on majors and possibly majoring on minors. There is something in this passage that is very disturbing in our religious activities today. I think some very common errors are being committed that should be abolished in our lives.

There is a common error being committed today when men become loyal to the church without loving God. This is highly probable. And yet, Jesus would denounce such actions. In reading the Bible one would recognize the Apostle Peter as a loyal follower of Jesus during His earthly ministry. But, Peter was not the lover of God—that he should have been at times and this is quite evident in the scriptures. The ultimate force that motivates man to be the best Christian he can be is love. Unless love is prevalent we become helpless in our efforts for Christ. This applies to every walk of life. If a man is loyal to his business but does not love God he cannot really succeed in God's sight. Therefore if a person is just loyal in attending church and does not actually love God the cart is before the horse. True loyalty consists not only of hearing but rather by doing. We do not really have a right to hear if we are unwilling to share. There are many today who are loyal to organizations but unfaithful and unloving toward God. Christ indicates that genuine love precedes loyalty. And when there is a genuine love for God, there will be a genuine loyalty to Him.

Many are aware of the fact that men are lawful to the laws of the land but do not abide by God's law. Men are prone to abide by the laws of the land because of the consequences of disobedience. (Exceeding speed limit, running red lights, stealing, etc.) The laws of our country would severely deal with one who would disobey. God says to His children, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together," but many professing Christians ignore the word of God at this point because they are not faithful to the church. God says, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me," but how people ignore these words and make the pleasures of this world their god. It stands between God and the individual and yet our Heavenly Father is grieved. God says, "Thou shalt not steal." We usually seek to comply with the rules and regulations of our land from this standpoint. We do not want the Internal Revenue Department checking our personal income as we seek to be law abiding citizens at this point. But, what about God's tithe? It is evidently meaningless to many professing Christians. Yet, God knows when a person is being honest with Him or not. Don't be caught short on judgment day, be honest with God while you have the time. Be a law abiding citizen in our country and to our Lord.

Did you know that some men are living but do not have life? Some are physically alive but are spiritually dead. We often hear the question, "What is life?" Can it be summed up in what we have physically and materially? Hardly; man only lives when he comes to experience the life in Jesus



A CONCERT of sacred music was presented in the new Tupelo Civic Auditorium on February 6, during the area-wide music workshop sponsored by Calvary Church of that city. Featured were a 150-voice community chorus, as well as a 33-piece orchestra, the latter Memphis, Tennessee.

## 150 Gather At Tupelo's Area-Wide Music Workshop

One hundred fifty choral directors, accompanists, adult and youth choir personnel gathered at Tupelo's Calvary Church for an area-wide music workshop. The event, which was held February 3-6, was under the leadership of Paul Mickelson of Glendale, California. Mr. Mickelson, who for seven years was organist and musical arranger for Billy Graham and who now presides over one of America's fastest growing sacred recording companies, taught courses in conducting, arranging, interpretation, modulation. His outstanding musical talent, second only to his dedicated Christian life, all but revolutionized the thinking of many choral directors, accompanists and pastors and others related to worship services.

The workshop, acclaimed by many as the best ever

held in North Mississippi was sponsored by Calvary Church and produced by Jack Day. Classes and other activities were open to musicians of all faiths. In fact, seven denominations were represented.

The highlight of the four-day music workshop was reached on Monday, February 6. On that evening a concert of sacred music was presented in the new Tupelo Civic Auditorium. Featured were a 150 voice community chorus of all denominations, a 33 piece orchestra from Memphis, Tennessee, a \$12,000.00 Conn electric organ, pianos and a celeste. The program lasted for one hour and thirty minutes. Although the weather was inclement and freezing, over 1,000 people braved the cold to hear beautiful, sacred music. Such selections as, "Life Is A Symphony," "God Of Our Fathers," "He Giveth More

"Grace," "The Holy City" and many others were heard. Many long time residents of North Mississippi stated that "it was the best evening of music they had listened to in this area."

Jack Day, minister of music at Calvary Church and the production supervisor of the workshop, stated that plans are in the making for a similar program next year.



Rev. Clarence Mayo, left, Ingomar pastor, presents Bible to Rev. Jerry Gooch, newly ordained.

## MISS YOUNG IS NAMED OUTSTANDING

Miss Opal Young, William Carey College faculty member in the department of physical education, has received word that she has been included in the listing of "Outstanding Young Women of America."

Miss Young, who heads the women's division of the Carey physical education program, is a native of Jayess. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Young and is a graduate of Creek High School. She attended Southwest Junior College in Summit and later earned the Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. In 1965 she was awarded the Master of Science degree from the same institution in the field of physical education. For three years she taught in the Petal High School.

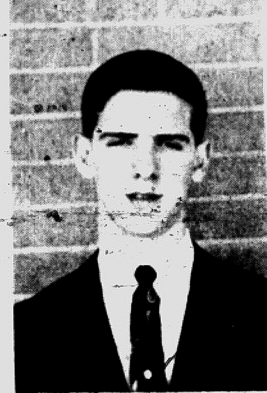
This year Miss Young has served as president of the Mississippi Association of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation.

The rare Puya raimondii, discovered in Bolivia in 1870, blooms only once in the plant's 150-year life span!

## Ingomar Church Ordains Minister

On Sunday afternoon February 12, Ingomar Church ordained Jerry Gooch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Gooch of New Albany, to the gospel ministry. Gooch is now pastor of Blue Lake Church, Quitman Association. He is a graduate of Mississippi College, and has attended Southern Seminary. He is married to the former Mary Ann Spenser.

Rev. Pete Evans, pastor of First Church New Albany brought the charge; Rev. Jimmy Welch led the ordination prayer; and Rev. Clarence Mayo, Ingomar pastor, preached the sermon. The church presented Mr. Gooch with a Bible.



Rev. Sammy Gilbreath

## Sardis (Neshoba) Calls New Pastor

### Calls New Pastor

Rev. Sammy Lee Gilbreath was ordained to the gospel ministry February 5 at Lincoln Memorial Church, Huntsville, Alabama. The Sardis Church in the Neshoba Association has called him as pastor.

Gilbreath is in his freshman year at Clarke College. He is a native of Huntsville. His father is a deacon and the Sunday school superintendent of Lincoln Memorial Church. The present Lincoln Memorial pastor, Rev. Lee J. Hudson, pastored the Sardis Church while he was a student at Clarke College and Mississippi College.



ROY MARK WATKINS was licensed to the gospel ministry November 27 at Midway Church, Jackson. Rev. W. Benton Preston, pastor, presented the license. Mark, the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Watkins of Jackson, is a student at Mississippi College.



## ARKABUTLA CALLS PASTOR

Rev. Bobby F. Walton, pastor of Morgan City Church for the past five years, has resigned to accept the call of Arkabutla Church at Arkabutla. He assumed his new duties on February 12.

While at Morgan City, he served as moderator of Leflore County Association, secretary of Leflore County Ministerial Association and dean of the Northeast Delta Seminary Center.

A native of Tillatoba, Mr. Walton is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

He is married to the former Virginia Shields of Batesville and they are the parents of three sons: Al, Andrew, and Terry.

Great civilizations are said to have had an average life of 200 years and to have passed through the following sequence. From bondage to spiritual faith, to great courage, to liberty, to abundance, to selfishness, to complacency, to apathy, to dependency back to bondage. Question is, in what phase of the cycle is the United States?

## Names In The News

Rev. Howard Shoemaker, missionary to the Dominican Republic, will be guest speaker at Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, Dr. Allen Webb, pastor, on Wednesday night, March 1.

## REVIVAL DATES

Temple, Hattiesburg; revival meeting in progress Feb. 19-26; Evangelist, Jack Stanton of the Evangelism Department of the Home Mission Board of SBC; Musicians—Vocalists, Betty and Ed Stal-necker; Instrumentalists, Carol and David Tyson; Rev. J. Harold Stephens, pastor.

Salem Church (Walthall): February 28—March 3; Rev. S. A. Adkins, Calvary Church, Silver Creek, evangelist; David Grimsley, Tylertown, in charge of music; Miss Martha Burch, pianist; Rev. A. G. Gray, pastor; weekday services 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

First Church, Inverness: March 5-10; Dr. Lewis E. Rhodes, pastor of Broadway Church, Knoxville, Tenn., evangelist; L. Graham Smith, Minister of Music and Youth from First Church, Laurel.

song leader; Dr. John R. Cobb, pastor.

Furrs (Pontotoc): March 12-19; Dr. James Travis, professor of Bible, Blue Mountain College, evangelist; Jerry Rickles, Tupelo, music evangelist; Rev. W. G. Dowdy, pastor; evening services at 7.

The man who thinks it is his business to defeat his competitors is wrong. His competitors are not his enemies. They happen to be workers in the same field. The most efficient competitor offers the greatest inspiration to the business man who is keen enough to see that his job is to serve his public. Oftentimes he can learn how to do this more efficiently by what his competitors compel him to do. The wise man looks upon competitors as co-operators.



VISITORS FROM SMITH COLLEGE — Daffodils in February are rare beauties to Smith College co-eds Sue Green, left kneeling, and Ginger Norton. Posing on the Carey College campus with Mrs. Milton Wheeler, dean of women, right, and Janice Roberts, junior from Prentiss, the two girls enjoy deep South hospitality. Smith College is in Northampton, Massachusetts and Sue and Ginger are representing their school in an exchange program with Carey College. Mary Eva Stallworth and Debe Blakney, from Carey, flew to spend a week on the Smith campus.



Rev. W. T. Broadus

## TO ENTER FULL-TIME EVANGELISM

Rev. W. Truett Broadus, pastor of Osyka Church, is announcing his decision to enter the field of evangelism on a full time basis March 19.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. Mr. Broadus has twenty years experience as a pastor in Southwest Mississippi and has been active in evangelism during that time. In addition to his preaching, he is an evangelistic singer and chalk artist, illustrating the gospel with colorful drawings which create interest and act as an effective visual aid.

Mr. Broadus is a baritone soloist and has recently released a long play high fidelity album entitled, "Set My Soul Afire." The title song is an evangelistic one which he often uses with a choir as a theme song for revival.

He is married to the former Annette Statham, a long time resident of Fernwood. They have two children. After March 19 they will live in McComb, and their mailing address will be Box 128, McComb, Mississippi 39648.

Did you ever take time to look into store windows and ask yourself all the questions suggested by articles displayed? You'll find yourself traveling all over the world. It is almost like looking up something in an encyclopedia. One thing leads to another and off you are on a world journey into the strangest places. Just let your imagination run free.

The record duration for staying in a cave is 105 days, set by Geoffrey Workman, in Stump Cross Cavern, near Pateley Bridge, Yorkshire, in 1963.

## Tishomingo Ordains Preacher

Tishomingo Church recently ordained Eddie Hamilton to the ministry. Married to the former Dorothy Pennington of Tishomingo, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hamilton and grandson of the late Rev. W. C. Hamilton, for many years a leader of Baptists in the Tishomingo Association. He is the nephew of the Rev. W. A. Hamilton, Russellville, Alabama, widely known preacher and pastor.

The ordination followed a request by the Mt. Vernon Church in the Tishomingo Association where he has been called and is now serving as pastor.

He has attended Clarke and Blue Mountain Colleges, and he and his wife are now completing their college studies at Florence State College, Florence, Alabama.

The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. Eugene Tension, pastor of the Tishomingo Church. The charge to the churches was brought by Rev. J. A. Blunt, former pastor of Tishomingo Church, now of Highland Church, Tishomingo Association. The charge to the candidate was delivered by Rev. W. A. Hamilton. The gift Bible was presented by Homer Meeks, Tishomingo deacon.



Rev. Eddie Hamilton

## Off The Record

Joe: "What time do most people go to the dentist?"  
Moe: "I don't know. What time?"

Teacher: "Henry, tell me something about Christopher Columbus."

Henry: "He was the explorer who discovered America. He was very economical."

Teacher: "Economic?"  
Henry: "Yes. He was the only man to travel 3,000 miles on a galleon."

Professor to student: "What does HNO3 signify?"

Student: "HNO3. . . Let's see . . . um . . . it's right on the tip of my tongue."

Professor: "Well, spit it out, Boy! It's nitric acid!"

Son: "Father, will you give me ten cents for a poor man who is outside crying?"

Father: "Yes, Son. Here it is. What is he crying about?"  
Son: "He's crying, 'Fresh roasted peanuts, ten cents a bag.'"

Teacher: "What is an autobiography?"

Bright student: "Er — the life story of an automobile."

Bumpy: "mom, I need a new jacket."

Mom: "Bumpy, your horsehide jacket is only a month old and nearly worn out!"

Bumpy: "Yeah, Mom, but look how long the horse wore it."

Diner: "I can't eat this food. Call the manager."  
A very wise waiter: "It's no use. He can't eat it either."

Some people are like fences, they run around a lot but never get anywhere.

Too many girls think a woman's work is done when she sweeps down the aisle.

A father who wants his children to get an education these days may have to pull a few wires: the television wire, the hi-fi wire, and the radio wire.



PAUL JONES has been added to the staff of the Morrison Heights Church, Clinton. He is serving as the church's first full time minister of education and youth. Mr. Jones is from Laurel, and received his education at Carey College and New Orleans Seminary where he received his Master's in Religious Education in January, 1967. During the past four summers he has served as head counselor at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly. Rev. Charles Gentry is pastor of the church.



## Tommy Haralson Joins Staff At Robinson Street

Tommy Haralson, a native of Shreveport, La., recently joined the staff of Robinson Street Church, Jackson, as minister of education and youth.

Mr. Haralson is a graduate of Louisiana College, (B.A. degree) and Southwestern Seminary (M.R.E. degree.)

He and Mrs. Haralson reside at 1063 Matthews Ave., Jackson.

Rev. John G. McDonald is pastor.





## NBC To Carry Baptist Show On Life Of Christ

FORT WORTH (BP)—"The Vine," an hour-long documentary film depicting the life of Christ, will be carried nationwide over the National Broadcasting Co. (NBC) television network on March 12, beginning at 4:00 p. m. EST. Announcement of the time for the color television program, carried as an NBC-TV special during prime Sunday afternoon viewing time, was announced jointly by the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention here and by NBC-TV.

(The Baptist Record has learned that at least two Mississippi stations plan to carry the program at 3:00 p. m. CST. They are WLBT-Channel 3, Jackson, and WDAM-Channel 7, Laurel-Hattiesburg.) The documentary film was produced jointly by NBC-TV and by the SBC Radio-TV Commission.

It is part of a series of three such documentary programs produced jointly by the two groups. In 1965, the first of the series was the program, "Walk Beside Me," a documentary on the life of the Apostle Paul, and the second, "The Inheritance," telling the story of the Old Testament, was carried last year. "The Vine" provides not only a vivid picture of the Holy Land as it might have appeared at the time of Christ, but also attempts to reflect what Jesus Christ saw and felt, and how he reacted to life when he was on earth, officials of the Radio-TV Commission said.

The program also seeks to show how Jesus Christ lives on today in men, with scenes from the modern situation including the Vietnam war, a Paris street scene, and life in New York City.

The NBC-TV camera crew

shot more than 30,000 feet of film during three months last spring, and the film was edited to about 2,000 feet for the television presentation.

SBC Radio-TV Commission Executive Director Paul M. Stevens and Truett Myers of the commission staff worked with the NBC-TV camera crews in filming the program.

Stevens and Miss Doris Ann, executive producer of NBC religious programming, were co-producers for the program. Myers called the presentation "the most ambitious and the best film we've ever done."

Saying the program is both inspirational and contemporary, Myers added that it attempts "to portray an experience whereby the audience could identify events and feelings rather than just viewing another historical story."

Cost for the program, about \$100,000, was shared by NBC-TV and the SBC Radio-Television Commission.

Commission officials predicted that the viewing audience for the film, carried over "The Southern Baptist Hour" program, would exceed 40 million.

**NBC Starts Production**  
The Television Religious Program unit of NBC News (Continued on page 2)

## Arkansas Action Upheld In Court

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (B)—An effort to nullify the vote of the Arkansas Baptist Convention to release ownership of the Arkansas Baptist Medical Center was tossed out of a chancery court here.

Chancellor Kay L. Matthews ruled that the convention had not violated its constitution in determining by a majority vote last November to relinquish the hospital to a private corporation.

Three Arkansas Baptist pastors had filed the suit, claiming that the convention did not vote to amend its constitution to provide for transfer of the hospital property, and that the convention action was thus null and void.

The convention voted 801 to 435 to release control and ownership of the hospital to a private corporation, with common knowledge that the hospital would seek government grants and loans once the ownership transfer had been completed.

The three plaintiffs in the case did not immediately indicate if they would appeal the chancery court ruling. If they did not appeal, the ruling is final.

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## FOR SBC 1968 PROGRAM

# \$26.7 Million Budget Set

NASHVILLE (BP)—A record \$26.7 million proposed Cooperative Program budget was drafted here by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for recommendation to the convention when it meets in Miami Beach, May 30-June 2.

The proposed 1968 budget would be an increase of \$2½ million over the 1967 budget of \$24.2 million.

As part of the open-end budget proposal, all contributions which might exceed the \$26.7 million goal would be divided—two-thirds to foreign missions and one-third to home missions.

Biggest allocations of the proposed budget would go to support foreign missions, home missions, and six Southern Baptist seminaries.

The SBC Foreign Mission Board would receive \$13,918,000 under the budget proposal, an increase of \$1,237,000 over the 1967 allocation.

The SBC Home Mission Board would receive \$4.6 million, an increase of \$575,800 over the 1967 allocation.

Six theological seminaries owned and operated by the convention would receive a total of \$4,403,000, an increase of \$570,000 over their 1967 budget allotment.

An allocation of \$1,085,000 would go to the SBC Radio and Television Commission, an increase of \$108,000 over their 1967 budget allotment.

Of the \$26.7 million total goal, \$2,216,000 would go for capital needs causes, and \$24,484,000 would go to the operating budgets of Baptist causes included in the budget.

A total of 20 Southern Baptist agencies, institutions, and organizations will receive budget allocations through the Cooperative Program unified budget plan.

Officials of the 20 SBC-affiliated organizations presented budget requests to the Executive Committee totalling \$25,859,525 during an all-day

budget hearing session here in the February meeting of the 58-member Executive Committee.

Following the pleas for budget increases, the program sub-committee trimmed \$1¼ million from the requested allocations in recommending the \$24.4 million operating budget.

Strong pleas for substantial budget increases were presented by the agency heads of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Radio-Television Commission, Christian Life Commission, Brotherhood Commission, and by the presidents of the six seminaries.

Millard Berquist, president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo., told the Executive Committee that the seminaries had been operating at a deficit for two years, and that the major problem was increasing faculty salaries to prevent seminary professors from leaving their posts to teach at colleges or universities at twice or three times the salary.

Requests for budget increases ranging from \$11,600 to \$24,700 were presented by the Southern Baptist Foundation, the SBC Education Commission, the SBC Historical Commission, and the Baptist (Continued on page 2)

## 1968 Hemisphere Lay Crusade Being Planned

NASHVILLE (BP)—An informal group of influential Baptist laymen interested in the proposed 1968 Crusade of Americas heard plans outlined here for a hemispheric-wide layman's congress in Brazil in 1968.

Tentative plans for the congress, expected to attract about 500 Baptist laymen from North and South America, call for the meeting to be held July 15-19, 1968 in either Rio de Janeiro or Sao Paulo, Brazil.

No official actions concerning plans for the layman's congress were taken by the informal group of laymen meeting here. About 35 Baptist laymen, most of them Southern Baptists, attended the meeting held during the week of the Executive Committee meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Owen Cooper, a Baptist layman from Yazoo City, Miss.,

called the meeting in order to discuss with the group the question of how to get Baptist laymen from throughout the hemisphere involved in the proposed Crusade of Americas.

Cooper is chairman of a layman's committee created by the 50-member Central Coordinating Committee of the Crusade of Americas during its meeting in Mexico City last December.

Cooper said that the 15-member committee has not been completely appointed, but that it would make the decisions on plans for the 1968 hemispheric-wide meeting in Brazil when it holds its first meeting in Louisville, Ky., July 25-28, 1967.

The Central Coordinating Committee of the crusade and its smaller directory council will meet during these same dates in Louisville.

Cooper said that tentative plans call for about 250 laymen from North America to attend and an equal number from South America.

Methods of financing the meeting were also discussed, with a proposal made that the North Americans pay a \$250 registration fee, which would be used to defray expenses of the meeting and help with travel expenses for Latin American laymen who could afford to attend only if there is a travel subsidy provided.

Following the four-day congress in Brazil, tentative plans call for teams composed of one North American and one South American to go to Baptist churches throughout South America for a weekend period of lay witnessing and church work.

Cooper said that the laymen would go out to the churches, especially those in Brazil to (Continued on page 2)

## Twin Brotherhood Retreats Planned

Two regional Baptist Brotherhood retreats have been scheduled for the state, it has been announced by Rev. Elmer Howell, secretary of the Brotherhood Department sponsoring group.

The first will be held March 17-18 at Paul B. Johnson State Park near Hattiesburg with the second to be conducted March 24-25 at the Hugh White State Park near Grenada.

This will be the first time

such Brotherhood retreats have been held, Mr. Howell, declared, and added that all Baptist men and young men are urged to attend the retreat most convenient.

Each retreat will begin on Friday at 4 p. m. with adjournment set immediately following noon luncheon Saturday.

Roy Kuykendall, of Newton, president of the Mississippi Baptist Men's Conference, will lead the devotionals at both retreats.

Bible study leader for the south Mississippi meeting will be Dr. John Brigran, pastor of Tylertown Baptist Church while Rev. Ervin Brown, superintendent of missions for DeSoto Baptist Association, will be missions speaker.

Music will be under direction of Rev. W. T. Broadus, pastor of the Osyka Baptist Church.

Rev. Hardy Denham, pastor of First Baptist Church, Ellisville, will lead camp-fire service.

At the north Mississippi retreat Rev. Dolton Haggan, of Philadelphia, Baptist missionary to the Choctaw Indians, will be the missions speaker.

Dr. Raymond Parker, pastor of Highland Baptist Church in Meridian, will lead Bible study with camp-fire service to be conducted by Dr. W. Ainsworth, of Jackson, secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Men's Conference.

Assisting in the retreats will be Paul Harrell, associate in the Brotherhood Department.

## 2 Houseparties For YWA Slated

Twin Baptist Young Woman's Auxiliary houseparties have been scheduled for the state, according to Miss Edwina Robinson, state Baptist WMU executive secretary.

The first will be conducted at Gulfshore Assembly March 10-12 with the second to be held at Wall Doxey State Park near Holly Springs March 31-April 2.

Baptist girls of high school age, as well as YWA leaders, will attend the meeting most convenient. Speakers at the Gulfshore houseparty will be Mrs. H. O. Hendrick, Baptist missionary to Brazil; Mrs. Payton Myers, to Nigeria; Miss Mary Alice Dittsworth, to Indonesia and Rev. and Mrs. Jerry St. John, of Jackson, missionaries to the deaf in Mississippi.

Directing the music at the (Continued on page 2)



NEW OFFICERS were elected by the State Religious Education Association in its meeting Feb. 23-25 at Buena Vista Hotel in Biloxi. From left: Mark Moore, Jackson, pianist; Bill Hardy, Kosciusko, president; Paul Harrell, Jackson, vice-president; Bill Nimmons, Starkville, chorister. Not shown is Miss Clarence Mooney, Clinton, secretary.



SEVERAL LEADERS engage Gomer Lesch, of Nashville, speaker, in conversation. From left: Mr. Lesch; Nolan Johnston, Hattiesburg, president; J. Earl Mead, Glorieta, N. M., speaker; and Dr. Wm. G. Tanner, Gulfport, speaker at banquet on Friday night. The group voted to meet Feb. 22-24 in 1968 at the same place.

## SURVEY REVEALS MEMBER ATTITUDE OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCHES

NASHVILLE (BP)—Southern Baptists are not giving enough attention to contemporary moral, social and economic problems.

This is the opinion, with varying degrees of agreement, of nearly two-thirds of Baptist church leaders polled in a broad, cross-section survey to determine attitudes of church leadership toward the Southern Baptist Convention.

More than two-thirds of the respondents agreed to some extent that Southern Baptist churches often seem to be afraid to face controversial issues.

Nine out of ten agreed to some extent that Southern Baptist pastors "present the divine truth as stated in the Bible in a way which has meaning for us today."

More than 6,800 Baptist leaders from 590 churches were polled in the survey; with usable questionnaires returned by 3,445 persons.

Returning the questionnaires were 320 Baptist pastors, 214 religious education or music directors, 352 Sunday School and Training Union leaders, 193 Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) presidents, 103 Brotherhood presidents, 170 chairmen of deacons, 1,005 other laymen, and 949 other laywomen.

The survey was conducted by the research and statistics department of the Baptist Sunday School Board here, at the request of the SBC public relations advisory committee and the Baptist Education Study Task steering committee.

A majority of the respondents were generally opposed to federal aid in the form of outright grants or loans, a summary of the research report said.

On outright grants, 47.1 per cent were opposed to grants under any circumstance, and 25.1 per cent said they did not favor government grants "as a rule."

On government loans, there was less opposition, with 31.4 per cent opposed under all circumstances, and 35.3 per cent saying they did not favor loans "as a rule."

Eighty-two per cent of the respondents felt Baptist colleges are vital to the denomination.

In rating the work of nine SBC agencies and organizations, the SBC Sunday School

Board and the SBC Foreign Mission Board had the highest number of "excellent" ratings.

The pastors were more critical of the convention than those of any other respondent group, said the research paper summary statement.

WMU presidents were the most favorable.

Pastors and religious education-music directors disagreed generally with laymen and laywomen on a question asking if they believed Southern Baptists have a bad reputation in race relations.

Nearly 70 per cent of the religious education-music workers generally agreed that the SBC's race relations reputation was bad, but from (Continued on page 2)



# 75 Baptist Men Are Sought For Ohio Crusade

A call has gone out for 60 Baptist laymen and 15 pastors for a Witnessing Crusade in Ohio July 18-23.

Claude Townsend of Florence, chairman of the Mississippi Baptist Pioneer Missions Committee, sponsoring group, said that those interested in making the crusade are asked to contact the Brotherhood Department, Rev. Elmer Howell, secretary.

The crusade will be held in the Steel Valley Baptist Association, under leadership of Rev. Ross Hughes, of Warren,

Ohio, superintendent of missions.

The laymen will witness, give their testimonies, visit and take censuses, Mr. Townsend said, while the pastors will do the same thing and also deliver the evangelistic messages on Sunday.

Crusades are planned for 15 churches and missions. This will be the second such crusade to the same association which has been declared by many to be one of the ripest evangelistic fields in America.

This association for the past two years has had the highest ratio of baptisms of any association in the Southern Baptist Convention, Mr. Townsend declared.

The laymen who go usually pay their own expenses except in a few cases where their expenses are provided by a church or a church or associational Brotherhood or some other group, Mr. Townsend said.

Expenses of pastors who go are usually paid for by their churches or other organizations, he added.

## Two Houseparties

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same meeting will be Miss Josephine D'Arpa, of the faculty of Wm. Carey College, Hattiesburg.

Speakers at the Wall Doxey houseparty will be Rev. and Mrs. Ed Trott, missionaries to Brazil; Mr. Myers and Mr. St. John, with music to be under direction of Miss Barbara Self, graduate student at Ole Miss.

Miss Virginia Johnson, YWA director, will be in charge of each houseparty. Theme for both meetings will be "Ready."

## Dr. Leroy Smith To Visit State

Dr. Leroy Smith, Area Missionary of Montana, will preach in several Mississippi churches during the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 5-12.

Dr. Smith's schedule is: Sunday, March 5: 8:30 AM—First, Canton; 11:00 AM—Woodland Hill, Jackson; 7:30 PM—First, Canton.

Monday, March 6: 7:30 PM—First, Carthage.

Tuesday, March 7: 1:30 PM—Pioneer Missions Committee; 7:30 PM—First, Florence.

Wednesday, March 8: 7:30 PM—First, Clinton.

Thursday, March 9: 7:30 PM—Ridgeland.

Friday, March 10: 7:30 PM—Drew.

Sunday, March 12: 11:00 PM—Center Terrace, Canton; 7:30 PM—Yazoo City.

Any individual or church desiring a conference with Dr. Smith concerning the work of Southern Baptists in Montana may arrange a conference by contacting Claude Townsend, Chairman of the Pioneer Missions Committee, or Rev. Johnny L. Taylor, Pastor of First Church, Canton.

## NBC To Carry...

(Continued from page 1) will enplane for the Near East on Saturday (Feb. 25) to begin a month of color-film production in Jordan and Israel. Doris Ann, manager of NBC religious programs, will produce three programs there for presentation on the NBC Television Network in the 1968-69 season. Joseph Vadala will be both director and director of photography.

At Tell es-Sa'idiyah, Jordan, the unit will film a "Southern Baptist Hour" program on excavations currently going on under the direction of Dr. James B. Pritchard of the University of Pennsylvania. The excavations are making a significant contribution to knowledge of the culture and history of the Jordan Valley, a relatively neglected area of Biblical Palestine.

The unit also will film a "Southern Baptist Hour" program on Southern Baptist



**STATE SECRETARIES ELECT HARDING:** The executive secretaries of 29 Baptist state conventions, meeting in Mobile, Ala., elected Earl O. Harding as their president. Harding (left) is executive secretary of the Missouri Baptist Convention. Elected vice president was E. Hamon Moore (center), executive secretary of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana; and named secretary was Glen Braswell, executive secretary of the Colorado Baptist General Convention. (BP PHOTO)

## Catholic Editor Discusses Crusade

HUNTINGTON, IND. (BP)

A Roman Catholic editor has responded favorably, with certain reservations, to be an unofficial suggestion that Catholics might participate in the proposed 1968 Crusade of America.

"We think it would be good for Catholics to carry on a great evangelism campaign too," said an editorial in Our Sunday Visitor, a Catholic publication.

"Whether it can be done in cooperation with the Baptists is something that would have to be discussed seriously," the editorial said.

The editorial responded to remarks made by Wayne Dehoney, Baptist pastor in Louisville, Ky., and North American coordinator for the Crusade of America. Dehoney made the remarks in an interview with the Dallas (Tex.) Times Herald.

No official invitation, however, for Catholic participation in the crusade has been discussed by the Directory Council or the Central Coordinating Committee of the Crusade of America, which determines policy and programs for the crusade.

The Crusade of America is an evangelistic program for Baptists in North, Central and South America in 1968. Each participating Baptist body is to conduct its own campaigns. Dehoney, in the interview, said he thought "it would be marvelous for Roman Catholics to take part in this great evangelism activity."

Taking note of the new attitude in Roman Catholic circles since Vatican Council II, Dehoney said, "We are hopeful and happy that a spirit of evangelism and outreach based on the proclamation of the gospel and New Testament faith is breaking loose in the Catholic Church."

Dale Francis, editor of the Operation Understanding edition of Our Sunday Visitor, national Catholic ecumenical weekly, wrote in response to Dehoney's remarks.

"It seems obvious," wrote Francis, "that Catholics couldn't join in with a campaign to proselyte Catholics from their own faith."

"If what Dr. Dehoney is saying, and we hope this is, is that as Baptists seek to reach their Baptists and the unchurched, they would be glad to have the Catholic church carry on a campaign at the same time to bring Catholics to greater participation in their faith, then certainly Catholics will welcome the invitation."

Francis concluded, "Let the Baptists make clear they do not intend to seek to proselyte, let them make clear to their evangelists that they want Catholics to be approached by Catholics, and what Dr. Dehoney proposes could very well come about."

"That kind of a joint campaign, each seeking to reach their own and the unchurched, would be one that all Christians could join," Francis wrote.

## SURVEY REVEALS MEMBER ATTITUDE

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50 to 63 per cent of the lay leaders of the churches responding said the reputation was not bad. On the overall average, about 40 per cent of the respondents said the reputation was bad, and 51 per cent said it was not.

The pastors and laymen generally agreed, however, that Southern Baptists' words on race relations speak louder than their deeds, with degrees of agreement ranging from 60 to 79 per cent.

Almost two-thirds of the respondents felt that Southern Baptists should be willing to involve themselves in the profession, general process and specific issues of politics. Big majorities of both pastors and laymen agreed that Southern Baptists are probably considered "fundamentalists" in the interpretation of the Bible. Percentages of agreement ranged from 60 to 87 per cent, with pastors on the high end.

In a check-list of 23 words, the words considered most descriptive of the SBC were "well-organized" and "missions minded."

Only about six per cent of the laypersons felt the quality of work for most Southern

missionary work in the Near East and a "Frontiers of Faith" program in which Archbishop T. E. Hakim of Galilee will be interviewed. The "Southern Baptist Hour" programs will be made in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention, the "Frontiers of Faith" program in cooperation with the National Council of Churches.

# \$26.7 Million Budget

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Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

The SBC Annuity Board suggested a \$25,000 decrease in their allocation, which was cut to \$225,000.

Four allocations would remain the same as their 1967 budget allotment: the convention operating budget, the Southern Baptist Hospitals, the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, and the SBC Stewardship Commission.

## Committee Okays Changes

A proposed Constitution change would increase the terms of elected members of SBC boards and agencies from three years to four years, unless such is prohibited by the organization's charter. If approved in the future, terms for seminary trustees would be reduced from five years to four years.

The constitution change must be approved by two successive meetings of the convention. It will come first before the SBC when it meets in Miami Beach, May 30-June 2.

The Bylaws change, which drew debate during the Executive Committee meeting here, would change the representation of smaller state Baptist conventions on SBC commissions and institutions.

The Executive Committee, by vote of 29-10, will recommend that state conventions with 25,000 to 100,000 members have representation on the four major convention boards, and the Executive Committee.

The recommendation also provides that these states would not have automatic representation on all other agencies of the convention, but instead that each commission

and institution board would have five trustees or directors-at-large, elected from states with 25,000 to 100,000 members.

It also provides that the convention's committee on boards, which nominates the trustees, would seek to rotate the directors-at-large from these states on the various agencies.

In other action, the Executive Committee voted to recommend that the 1927 convention be held in Philadelphia, Pa., but suggested dates for the convention will not be picked until the pre-convention Executive Committee meeting in Miami Beach.

A resolution commending the Crusade of America was approved by the Executive Committee, which also suggested that plans for the 1968 hemispheric-wide crusade be correlated with previously approved denominational emphasis for 1968-69 on "The Church Fulfilling Its Mission through Evangelism and Missions."

A proposal to change the name of the convention referred earlier to the Executive Committee for a study came up at only one time during the full committee meeting. The administrative subcommittee, however, heard a report on a public opinion poll on the name change.

The public relations subcommittee recommended that any proposed change of name in the convention be tested on its public relations implications, and presented to the Executive Committee a list of 25 questions to be used in evaluating any proposal.

The Executive Committee also approved a schedule and

procedure for conducting a study of the capital needs (building programs) of SBC agencies and organizations. Long-range capital needs if approved will be presented to the convention in 1969 when it meets in New Orleans.

The presidents of the six SBC seminaries were authorized to employ a professional consultant to work with them and an Executive Committee subcommittee in studying the formula for allocating SBC Cooperative Program funds among the six seminaries.

Appointment of a committee to study the charter and relationships of the SBC Hospital Commission was approved with Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., named as chairman.

The Home Mission Board was authorized to work out agreements with banks, insurance companies, and other financial agents for sharing the risk on church loans, on the basis of a funded reserve from the Home Mission Board amounting to 10 per cent of the total loan.

In other action, the Executive Committee approved editorial corrections in the SBC Constitution to be submitted to the Miami Beach convention, authorized a five per cent cost of living salary increase to Executive Committee staff members, and adopted resolutions expressing appreciation for several Baptist leaders who are planning retirement in the future, and for the life of deceased Baptist leaders.

The proposed 1968 SBC budget, along with the amount of increase or decrease compared to the 1967 budget, follows:

## 1968 PROPOSED COOPERATIVE PROGRAM BUDGET

AGENCY	1967	1968 Proposal
Convention Operating	\$ 200,000	200,000
Foreign Mission Board	11,780,300	13,018,000
Home Mission Board	4,024,200	4,690,000
Annuity Board	250,000	225,000
All Seminaries	3,833,000	4,403,000
SBC Foundation	61,800	67,000
SBC Hospital	36,000	36,000
American Seminary	90,600	90,600
Brotherhood Commission	228,100	235,000
Christian Life Commission	100,000	125,000
Education Commission	94,000	110,000
Historical Commission	90,500	95,000
Stewardship Commission	83,000	83,000
Radio-T.V. Commission	977,000	1,085,000
Public Affairs Committee	104,000	111,400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,950,500</b>	<b>\$24,484,000</b>
<b>TOTALS CAPITAL NEEDS</b>	<b>\$ 2,249,500</b>	<b>\$ 2,216,000</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET GOAL</b>	<b>\$24,000,000</b>	<b>\$26,700,000*</b>

\* All in excess of \$26,700,000 to be distributed two-thirds to the Foreign Mission Board and one-third to the Home Mission Board.

## Beverly's To Visit The Holy Land

Rev. and Mrs. O. B. Beverly will depart June 6 from New York as members of Dr. Bob N. Ramsay's Tour to the Holy Land by way of Europe. The Beverlys will visit London and Athens on their way to the Near East. Upon their returning to Europe from the Holy Land on their way back to America, they will visit Rome, Zurich, Lucerne, and Paris. Of course the main feature of the trip for the Beverlys will be the fourteen days they will spend in the lands of the Bible.

The trip is a gift of love and appreciation on the part of the members of the Woodville Church for the devoted and faithful service of their pastor and his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Beverly went to the Woodville Church on February 1, 1950, and during these seventeen years they have endeared themselves to the people of Woodville and all of Southwest Mississippi. They have provided effective leadership on the local, associational, and state level; Beverly having served as a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and as a member of its Executive Committee.

The tour will be composed of other pastors and wives as well as laymen, and will be conducted by Dr. Bob N. Ramsay, pastor of First Church, Brookhaven. The party, anticipated to number from 25 to 30, will enplane at Jackson on June 6 and return to Jackson 23 days later.

## Baptist Child Care Work Gets Praise

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—An official of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare Commended here the work Southern Baptist child care institutions are doing with neglected and dependent youngsters.

The praise came from Martin Gula, consultant on group care for the children's bureau of the government agency. Gula was a principal speaker at a meeting of the Child Care Executives of Southern Baptists here.

The 32 children's homes operated by Southern Baptists

are currently giving services to about 6,000 boys and girls, most of whom come from homes broken by reasons other than death, the executives reported.

Gula told the group that church groups are ready to minister to children and families in need, even though since the Great Depression there has been a tremendous expansion in state and local welfare care.

The commitment of churches to the task reflects the dignity of the family and children in the sight of God, he said.

"There is need for the Christian leaven in the public family and child welfare loaf," he declared.

Gula cautioned agencies operated by church groups against accepting any child they are not equipped to serve. He told the administrators that "the mildly, moderately disturbed child is the one you are best equipped to serve," and added that public and research agencies should serve the rest.

Gula declared that the major job of the agencies is to help prepare children for the world they will be living in. R. C. Campbell, president of Buckner Baptist Benevolences, Dallas, Texas, reported on how his institution is seeking to aid children who cannot function in a public school program because of scholastic difficulties, retardation or emotional disturbances.



**TWELVE OF THE FIFTEEN TRUSTEES** of William Carey College were present for the recent quarterly meeting. Pictured following the session in which a record budget was adopted for the new fiscal year were the following, seated left to right, front row: J. D. Sims, business manager for Carey; John Lee Taylor, Canton; Bruce Aultman, Hattiesburg; John Daly, Marks; Dr. Joe Tuten, Jackson; Dr. Ralph Noonkester, president, Hattiesburg; Curtis Beard, Jackson; Frank Gunn, Forest; Dr. Earl Green, Hattiesburg; Harold O'Chester, Meridian; William T. Bailey, Lucedale; J. J. Newman, Vicksburg; Van H. Hardin, Moss Point; and Dr. T. E. Ross, Hattiesburg. Not available for the photo were: Claude Wilkes, Winona; R. B. Thomas, Hattiesburg; and Dr. James T. Thompson, Moss Point.

## Churches In The News

Bay Vista Church, Gulf Coast Association, has set up a planning committee for a future educational annex. Work has been authorized to more buildings which now occupy the site of the new building - to - be.

Grace Memorial Church, Gulf Coast, has received plans from an architect for their new addition, an educational building.

## '68 Hemisphere

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learn of the "tremendously successful methods used by Brazilian Baptist laymen during their recent evangelistic efforts," as well as to give their witness in the South American churches.

Cooper said that each Baptist body participating in the Crusade of America would suggest a group of laymen to be invited to attend the hemispheric-wide layman's congress in Brazil.





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## Southwestern Announces March Missions Conference

FORT WORTH, Tex.—More than 1700 college students from campuses throughout America are expected to attend the Eighteenth Annual College Student Missions Conference at Southwestern Seminary here, Mar. 10-12.

Speakers include T. V. (Corky) Farris, department of evangelism, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas; Charles Culpepper, Sr., former missionary to China and Taiwan; and Ray Roberts,

executive secretary of the Ohio Baptist Convention, Columbus.

Miss Jo Ann Shelton, music consultant for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth, will direct the music.

Two Southwestern faculty members will also appear on the program. They are William J. Pinson, Jr., professor of Christian ethics, and Wil-

## Mt. Zion Has Church Records Microfilmed

Thirty-four churches had their records preserved by having them microfilmed by the Southern Baptist Historical Commission in 1966; one of these was from Mississippi—Mt. Zion, Columbus.

Church records filmed by the Historical Commission are preserved against possible loss or damage by abuse or insects, and become valuable source materials for Baptist history. A total of 443 churches have had their records filmed during the fifteen years the Historical Commission has been helping churches preserve their records.

Church minutes may be filmed on strips so that the print can be used in a film-strip projector and viewed by the entire congregation on anniversary occasions. Records kept in a fire-proof safe are not always safe-guarded. Robbers carried away one safe from a church office, and disappointed by not finding cash, they dumped the safe into the river. It was later recovered, but all the priceless records were ruined. A facsimile paper-print copy could have been reproduced from the microfilm had those records been preserved against such disaster by the process of microphotography.

Mississippi has a record of seven churches with minutes on microfilm.

Churches interested in having their records filmed should write to: Historical Commission, 127 Ninth Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.



**COLE HEADS EDITORS:** James Cole (left), editor of *The Baptist Message* of Louisiana, was elected president of the Baptist Press Association during the annual meeting of editors in Mobile, Ala. Other officers are O. L. Bayless (not pictured), vice president, and editor of the *Rocky Mountain Baptist* in Denver, Colo.; and Don McGregor, (center) secretary and associate editor of the *Baptist Standard*, Dallas, Tex. At right is C. R. Daley, editor of the *Western Recorder* in Kentucky, outgoing president who planned the program for the Mobile meeting. (BP PHOTO)

## 80,000 Unchurched Located In Memphis

MEMPHIS (BP)—A city-wide telephone survey here has turned up about 80,000 unchurched individuals in Memphis.

The survey, directed by William A. Powell of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, was conducted in preparation for the Greater Memphis Encounter Crusade, a week of simultaneous revivals scheduled to begin April 29.

About 320,000 people were canvassed by 3,000 volunteers representing 98 Baptist churches.

"We found that one-fourth the families canvassed had unchurched persons in them," Powell said.

(The Negro community was excluded from the survey by a local committee on the grounds that the churches would not try to solicit Negro attendance anyway.)

The survey is only one part of the Memphis crusade, which will be sponsored by the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Prayer retreats, soul-winning clinics, youth rallies, and the distribution of gospels are included in preparation plans. A week-long central revival meeting, at which C. Wade Freeman of the Texas Baptist division of evangelism will preach, will precede the simultaneous meetings in 120 churches of the Shelby Baptist Association.

This probably was the largest survey attempted by Southern Baptists alone. The Home Mission Board's department of survey and special studies normally cooperates with other denominations to survey a city, but it

## First, Quitman Calls Pastor

Rev. Jackie C. Hamilton has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Quitman, and will assume his duties on March 15.

Mr. Hamilton served as a Navy radioman during the Korean War from 1951-1955. He then enrolled in William Carey College where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree. In 1961 he received the Bachelor of Divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary.

His pastorates have included Glade Church, Laurel; and Terry Church, Terry. He moved to Quitman from Wildwood Church, Laurel.

The Hamiltons are the parents of two daughters: Jacquelyn Carole, 8, and Lisa Anne, 5.



Rev. W. H. Henderson

## Hub City Pastor Accepts Church In Alabama

Rev. W. H. Henderson, pastor of 19th Avenue Church in Hattiesburg the past three years, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the Highland Park Church at Muscle Shoals, Ala., effective March 5.

The 19th Avenue Church has had substantial growth the past three years. Part of the educational annex has been renovated, the entire building has been redecorated and a kitchen has been installed.

The budget this year is \$25,000, an increase over the previous year's outlay. There have been 55 additions per year the past three years.

Mr. Henderson is a graduate of Clarke College, Newton. He was formerly pastor of Highland Church, Vicksburg and State Boulevard Church, Meridian.



Rev. Jackie Hamilton

Some of our leading families can trace their ancestry back 800 years, but can't tell you where their children were last night.

## ATLANTA CHURCH BURNS; \$500,000 DAMAGE ESTIMATED

ATLANTA (BP)—A four-alarm fire severely damaged the sanctuary and educational building of West End Baptist Church here. Pastor Hugh Brooks estimated the damage at about \$500,000.

The blaze is believed to have started in an auxiliary kitchen near the choir room. Eight firemen were overcome by smoke inhalation during the five-hour battle to contain the flames.

Flames gutted much of the education building. Smoke, heat, and water damage was extensive throughout the entire facilities. The church was in the midst of a major expansion and renovation program.

Brooks said he believed the church had adequate insurance to cover most of the fire damage.

## Philadelphia...

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Philadelphia. Exact dates will be proposed at the Miami Beach meeting.

Archie Ellis, chairman of the administrative sub-committee of the SBC Executive Committee, told the 58-member group here that the new Philadelphia Civic Center, to be completed this year, would seat 13,500 and that the Philadelphia hotels could provide 7,247 rooms.

Final approval on selection of the 1972 convention site and dates must come from the SBC when it meets in Miami Beach this year.

Dates and places for the convention are selected five years in advance. Other future conventions will be held in New Orleans, 1968; in Houston, 1969; in Denver, 1970, and in St. Louis, 1971.



MISS KATHLEEN ROBERTS

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Roberts, Jackson, is currently singing with the St. Gallen (Switzerland) Municipal Opera. She is in the midst of ten performances, singing the role of Violetta in "La Traviata." She received her Music Education Degree from Mississippi College and Master of Music in applied voice from Texas Christian University. She studied last year at the International Opera Center in Zurich. This past summer she received a grant from the Martha Baird Rockefeller Fund for Music for further study and audition abroad. She resides at the Baptist Theological Seminary, 8803 Ruschlikon, Zurich, Switzerland.

## Halls Form New 'Choral Ensemble'

Formation of a new choral ensemble, the HALL MIXED QUARTET, is announced by their director (Papa), Dan C. Hall, Secretary, Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Completing the group is Miss Verby Marye Hall, who made her debut Friday, February 24, at the Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Jackson, Mississippi. Welcoming the new arrival are other quartet members: Randall Carter Hall, age 6; Daniel Cannon Hall, 4½; Mera Harriet Hall, 18 months. Accompanist is Mrs. Hall (Mama), the former Mera Cannon.

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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

### What Is Home Missions?

Next week millions of Southern Baptists, led by the Woman's Missionary Union, will be giving attention to, and making an offering to, the Home Mission program of the convention.

The Week of Prayer for Home Missions is one of the three weeks of prayer for missions promoted by the WMU and the churches. The others are the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and the Week of Prayer for State Missions. Each of these weeks focuses on one of the areas of mission work done by, and supported by, the churches through the convention.

Next week the emphasis will be upon the Southern Baptist mission witness to America. The Home Mission Board is as old as the convention itself, having been established at the organization meeting in 1845, and it has been providing a mission witness to America for 122 years. Today the board is carrying out the most extensive program of its history, and has approximately 2500 missionaries (not counting special summer workers) serving all across the nation.

How can one describe home missions, or for that matter any other mission program? Missions basically is that witness for Christ which is carried to people wherever they are, seeking to lead them to accept Christ as Saviour and Lord.

Home missionaries will be found in the great cities, in the suburban areas, in the small towns and villages and in the rural sections.

They will be found in the vast new high-rise apartment areas, in the burgeoning suburbia, in the decaying inner city, among the migrant workers, on the Indian reservation, on the military reservation, in the hospitals, in factories, and in many other places in America.

The missionary may be speaking in any one of many languages, working with people of all races and

colors, or seeking to reach children, youth, young adults, the mature, or the aged.

This worker may be preaching an evangelistic sermon, teaching in a Sunday school or vacation school, conducting a literacy class, working in a good-will center, printing missionary materials to carry the message on the printed page, counseling with a person needing guidance, helping a young church in finding solution to its problems, or directing a missions committee.

He may be riding a dog sled over a snow packed trail in the far north, or riding a small plane into a remote area. He may be using tools to help build a church building, or driving the streets or rural roads seeking a church site. He may be working at a secular job to help pay expenses, so that he can minister to a small congregation, or help develop a new mission.

There are hundreds of tasks for a missionary to perform, and some Home Board missionary, somewhere, is doing each of them. All of this is done for one purpose, and with one goal: that is to help people to know the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, and to build churches where those Christians can serve and help witness to others.

This, however, is not all that missions means. It is a church studying missions, praying for missions, participating in missions through its budget, and encouraging and enlisting its people to make special gifts to missions.

It is a pastor preaching missions and promoting the mission program, leading his church in establishing missions and mission witness nearby, and helping support the mission program in areas beyond the church field.

It is laymen, women, young people, and even children, studying missions through the Sunday School, the Training Union, the WMU, or the Brotherhood, and participating in the mission program of their church.

It is associational missions and state missions, and mission programs in every corner of the nation.

It is denominational workers leading in mission activities, helping churches to grow in order that they may become a larger part of the Christian witness, and supporting mission programs across the land.

It is teachers, child-care specialists, workers with juveniles, chaplains, secretaries who handle the deskwork, and a multitude of others, all of whom have a part in the far reaching task of Christian witness to all of America.

It is groups of preachers and-or laymen going to pioneer areas to conduct evangelistic crusades, stewardship programs, department enlargement campaigns, or other emphases.

There seems to be no end to the list of tasks being performed in home missions.

When we add foreign, state, associational and local mission programs, the vast enterprise becomes almost too large to comprehend.

Yet, this is the New Testament witness being given by Southern Baptists today.

It is Southern Baptists obeying the command of Christ to "preach the gospel to every creature."

It is the biggest business of the churches, the most important business in the world.

Every church, and every individual Baptist, should participate.

The coming Week of Prayer for Home Missions is a good place to begin. Let every Mississippi Baptist help make it a great week in his or her church.

### The Mississippi Baptist News Scope

A new Baptist radio program has begun to be heard across Mississippi. It is "The Mississippi Baptist News Scope" being produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission of Fort Worth, Texas.

The material is being gathered by Joe Abrams, associate editor of the Baptist Record, and Director of Mississippi Baptist News Service, for the state convention board.

The program is a five minute feature of up-to-the-minute news about Mississippi Baptist work. It is carried by the radio stations as a public service feature, at no cost to the convention. The programs are prepared and taped at the Radio and Television Commission headquarters, so there is no cost to the station, except for the time allotted.

Already fifteen stations in the state are carrying the program, and several others are expected to begin using it within the next few weeks.

The log of the stations with time for the programs was listed in last week's Baptist Record.

Mississippi Baptists are grateful to the Radio and Television Commission and to the participating stations for making this new service available to the convention.



**Speaking at the Rotary Club** in Jackson last week, Dr. Carl Brenkert, Dean of the School of Engineering of the University of Mississippi, predicted that in a few generations, when a child is born a monitoring device will be inserted into his body, which will keep close watch on the functions of the organs such as heart beat, etc., and report it to a central computer station, where health control will be centered. He said "Some day a person will be traveling along when his private phone, which he will carry in his pocket, will call him, and when he answers, he will hear 'This is your computer. You have just been attacked by virus number \_\_\_\_\_. Go at once to the hospital for your shot'." Dr. Brenkert said, "If you question this, just think of how people of 100 years ago would have felt if they had been told that within a century people would have televisions in their homes and be able to watch scenes from all over the world."

#### A DAILY JOB

Sometime at night when your wife asks you to go out, you can tell her that you are too tired. Then give her the following reason:

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you breathe 23,040 times,  
you inhale 438 cubic feet of air,  
you eat 3 3/4 pounds of food,  
you drink 2.9 quarts of liquids,  
you speak 4,800 words (not all are necessary),  
you move 750 muscles,  
your nails grow .000046 inch,  
your hair grows .01714 inch,  
you exercise 7,000,000 brain cells.

Boy, oh boy, don't you feel tired?

#### Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

March 6—James Terpo, Panola County superintendent of missions; J. C. Mitchell, Pontotoc County superintendent of missions.

March 7—Margaret L. Craig, Mississippi College faculty; Mrs. O. M. Jones, manager, Baptist Book Store.

March 8 — Mrs. Bessie Herrington, staff, Children's Village; Miss Effie Farve, staff, Children's Village.

March 9 — Miss Gail Elrod, Baptist student director, Mississippi State College for Women; Edwin Hamilton, Baptist student director, Mississippi State University.

March 10—Therman V. Bryant, Baptist headquarters; Tom Butler, Baptist Building.

March 11—James L. Spencer, faculty, Clarke College; Mrs. Walter F. Taylor, faculty, Blue Mountain College.

March 12 — Mrs. E. E. Gilmore, faculty, William Carey College; Mrs. Katherine Cain, health director, Gilfoyle School of Nursing.

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### PERSPECTIVE

Robert J. Hastings

#### "MEEKNESS"

You walk into a room unexpectedly and overhear a conversation about yourself. "He is one of the meekest men I know," someone is saying. How would you feel? Complimented or ridiculed?

No doubt you would feel like a mouse, for meekness and mousiness are just about synonymous in our thinking. But what red-blooded man wants to be as meek as a mouse or as mild as a lamb? Why must he always "sneak up" when dynamic, aggressive leaders have the courage to "speak up"? Yet Jesus congratulated the meek, promising they would inherit the earth.

Some mistakenly think that to be a leader, one must be bold and aggressive, or else get run over. Our trouble here is in appreciating the real meaning of aggressiveness. One can be dynamic and forward-looking without being rude and offensive and "pushy" about it. The meek are moving forward, but they are not about to run roughshod over all who get in their way. They inspire others to move alongside them as intelligent, thinking fellow beings, rather than driving them like dumb cattle.

Sure a leader is excited and dynamic, remembering Ralph Waldo Emerson's famous observation that "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." But this same leader also recalls what William McFee said: "The world belongs to the enthusiast who keeps cool." So in thinking of meekness as gentleness, can we not say, "Blessed are they who keep cool under pressure, for they shall inherit the earth?"

### Former State Pastor In Serious Accident

Rev. Bobby Gerald Wilson, former pastor of several churches in the Gloster area, continues in an unconscious state in the Charity Hospital in New Orleans.

Wilson was the victim of a head-on collision about six weeks ago on his way home from a preaching engagement in Baton Rouge. He has been hospitalized since that time in critical condition.

According to one report, he was in a semi-conscious state, it seemed, at times. He seemed to respond slightly to visitors and family. Doctors report that complete recovery will be very slow and that he will be hospitalized for an indefinite period of time.

At the time of the accident, Mr. Wilson was serving as Baptist Chaplain of Charity Hospital in New Orleans.

### WHERE HE IS—THERE IS LIGHT!



### Newest In Books

**EMBATTLED WALL** by C. Stanley Lowell. Americans United, Washington, D. C., 162 pp., \$2.95.

The story of a man, and an issue. The issue is "Complete separation of church and state." The man is Glenn L. Archer, Executive Secretary of Americans United, which formerly was known as POAU—Protestants and Other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State. The issue was in the hearts of many men, long before Glenn Archer was called from the educational and political arenas, into the battle raging about the issue. Archer is a giant intellectually, and a man of great leadership ability, and already friends were talking of a good future for him in political circles of his native Kansas. God had other purposes however, and he was pressed into the task of helping defend the liberties which many Americans consider the dearest of all, religious liberty and separation of Church and State. This book depicts the leadership he has given and the great contributions POAU has made in the effort to keep standing "the embattled wall" separating church and state. Special attention is given to the 1960 election, the

religious school issue under Kennedy and Johnson, and the serious problems caused by the Roman Catholic position on church and state.

**STREAMS IN THE DESERT—VOLUME TWO** by Mrs. Charles E. Cowan (Zondervan, approx. 375 pp., \$2.95).

A companion volume to the original *Streams in the Desert*, one of the most popular devotional books ever published. Here are messages for every day of the year, chosen from the files and unpublished writings of Mrs. Charles E. Cowan. The author was for many years, with her husband, a missionary to China and Japan, and, with him, founded the Oriental Missionary Society. When his health broke, they returned to America, where she nursed him, and promoted the work of the Society, and other Christian ministries. She became one of the great spiritual leaders of her day, and continued to bless others until the day of her death on Easter Sunday in 1960, at the age of 90. This book will bring spiritual strength and enrichment as one reads its pages day by day.

**STUDIES IN ISAIAH** by F. C. Jennings (Loizeaux, 784 pp., \$5.95).

A new edition of a great popular commentary which has blessed Bible students for many years. A scholarly, premillennial and spiritual interpretation of this, the greatest of the prophetic books. The author spends no time in dealing with critical problems which have been raised, but accepting the unity of the book, he interprets the great prophetic truths given by God to the statesman-preacher-prophet. Moreover, he shows why the seemingly local references and prophecies.

**THE INSIDE STORY** (American Bible Society, 300 pp., paper, 35c).

A new 300 page paperback presenting the "heart of the New Testament" in modern English. The pocket-sized paperback book, prepared for distribution on news stands, bookstores, etc., contains the Gospels of Luke and John, The Acts of the Apostles, and the book of Romans, in the popular translation of J. B. Phillips. The book is illustrated with dozens of contemporary news photographs, which help impress the reader with

### Baptist Forum

#### Members Will Pay For Own Church

Gentlemen:

I have read the Record of this week. This prompts me to rise to the occasion and say that the good people of the First Church in Cleveland have just completed the matter of the sale of \$250,000.00 bonds for the new expansion of the Sunday School part of our church. These bonds were sold directly to the membership of the church. "Tight money" made no difference for the members of the church knew that the bonds would be paid when due. This church has never defaulted in any indebtedness and has a good credit rating with the local banks. So there was no brokerage nor any other costs to pay. I feel that this speaks volumes for the local church. Yours very truly,

A. D. Somerville  
Cleveland, Mississippi

### KNOW ANY ONE MOVING TO NEW MEXICO?

Dear Dr. Odle:

Cannon Air Force Base at Clovis is in the process of a rather large build-up. In connection with this there will be many people from other states moving here. I wonder if you might run a note in your Baptist Record asking any of your readers having relatives transferring to Cannon to notify First Baptist Church, Clovis that we might try to minister to them. Ralph W. Hovey, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Grand at Gidding, Clovis, New Mexico

the relevancy of the New Testament message to modern day life. The book has an attractive, eye-catching cover, and is certainly a bargain at the price. It is planned to attract new Bible readers among those groups, especially young people, who do not ordinarily read the Scriptures. The American Bible Society is to be congratulated in producing this edition of the Scriptures.

**THEY CALLED HIM MR. MOODY** by Richard K. Curtis (Eerdmans, 375 pp., paper \$2.45).

Paper-back reprint of a biography of Dwight L. Moody which was first published several years ago. A fascinating, moving story of one of the great evangelists of Christian history. The reader moves from one scene to another in the experiences which made Moody the great man of God which he was.

### Students Lead Services At First, Isola

First Church, Isola, (Humphreys Association) observed a special Youth Sunday on February 26 when a team from Mississippi College (eight young men) of Christian athletes and students led in both worship services, as well as in Sunday school and Training Union.

The day began with a breakfast at the church at 8:30 Sunday morning for all young people to meet the visiting team. The day was concluded by a fellowship following the evening worship hour.

Buddy Wagner, a sophomore ministerial student at MC and a member of the Isola church, was in charge of the day's services and activities; he and his friends have been quite active this school year in churches in Mississippi and Louisiana.

Rev. Bob Maddux is pastor.

### Gilfoyle Girls To Speak In Columbia, Jackson

Churches in Columbia and Jackson will be the targets of teams of student visitors from Mississippi Baptist Hospital's Gilfoyle School of Nursing Sunday, March 5.

The students will present programs during the evening worship service in the First Church, Columbia and Oak Forest Church, Jackson. These programs are presented as part of a state-wide effort to inform Mississippi Baptists about the Gilfoyle School of Nursing.

Some of the students participating in the church visits will be local girls. Accompanying the group presenting the program at the First Baptist Church in Columbia will be Linda Pittman, Betty Smith, and Louise Williamson Rogers. Among the students visiting the Oak Forest Church in Jackson will be Nita Bennett, Linda Cummings, Ann Grider, and Maxine Gilstrap.

### Chilean Gifts Up

Gifts to the cooperative program of the Chilean Baptist Convention increased by 51 percent in 1966, it was announced during the Convention's annual meeting in January, 1967. One hundred eight churches—out of 109 affiliated with the Convention—contributed Escudos 30,902.62 (7,998.52 U. S.), reports Southern Baptist Missionary Melvin E. Torstrik. Convention messengers adopted a 1967 goal of another 50 percent increase in cooperative program giving, which, if reached, will bring in Escudos 60,000 (\$12,000).



# Richard Curtis, Jr.: The First Baptist Minister In Mississippi

By Dr. James B. Butler  
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Hinds County

"In all my ways Thy hand I own, Thy Ruling Providence I see". These familiar words were to be the source of inspiration and comfort throughout the life of Rev. Richard Curtis, Jr.

Spring had come early to Virginia. The hills and vales were covered with a verdant carpet; the water of the streams was clear as crystal. The soil was prolific, and there was an abundance of wildlife. All Nature was glad. The day dawned clear on May 28, 1755 in Dinwiddie County, Virginia, near the present city of Petersburg, as Phoebe Jones Curtis awaited the birth of her fifth child. Her marriage to William Jones had been happy but brief. Shortly before the birth of her first-born, a son, John Jones, the father, William Jones had sickened and died of a fever. Her second marriage was also a happy one and to this marriage had been born three daughters. Eagerly Phoebe Jones Curtis hoped that this child would be a son and could be named after his father, Richard Curtis.

And so history records the birth, on May 28, 1755, of Richard Curtis, Jr.; who was destined to become the first Baptist minister in Mississippi. There apparently was nothing too unusual about the boyhood days of our subject; chores to perform on a farm, to assist in providing food; a small portion of time to be devoted to schooling. These and many other things occupied the inhabitants of the home.

**Welsh Descent**  
Richard Curtis, Sr. was of Welsh descent, and in 1765 or 1766, he heard of the flourishing settlement of those of Welsh descent that had been established in the Pee Dee Valley, forty miles west of Charleston, South Carolina. Desirous of being with his relatives and friends, Richard Curtis, Sr. moved his family and their meager possessions to what is now known as Society Hill, South Carolina. Here the second oldest Baptist church in the South, the Welsh Neck Baptist Church, had been organized in the year 1738. The missionary spirit of this church had been promulgated throughout the Colonies. The progressive spirit of the church and the community, the opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of others and to visit with neighbors, were all that one could expect.

There is no record of the family until the year 1774 when Richard Curtis, Sr. and his step-son John Jones, both proven and ardent patriots, enlisted in the forces of Captain (later General) Francis Marion. The record reveals that they served in three campaigns against the British and were mustered out in 1779.

Richard Curtis, Jr., by then 24 years of age, had been licensed by his home church as a Baptist minister. During the absence of his father and half-brother, Richard Curtis, Jr. had not only assumed the duties as head of the household, but had married and was the father of two children. Often he had been called upon during the days of 1774-1780, to minister to the spiritual need

of the people of the community. After the return of Richard Curtis, Sr. and his step-son, John Jones, much ill-feeling prevailed in the community. Many of its inhabitants, those of Welsh descent, had remained loyal to the crown of England. They had given aid and comfort to the British and sought to obstruct the war efforts of the patriots.

## The Baptists

In the meantime several members of the family had embraced religion and joined the Baptist church. Among these were John Jones, William, Benjamin, and Richard Curtis, Jr. and their wives. There were also John Courtney, who had married Hannah Curtis, and John Stampley, who had married Phoebe Curtis, both daughters of Richard Curtis, Sr. We may safely presume that the elder Richard Curtis and his wife were also members of the same church.

As the family was constantly annoyed and imperilled by the horrors of war at their very doors, with little prospect of better days near at hand, they determined to seek a peaceful home to the west in the far-off "Natchez Country."

Early in the spring of 1780, they loaded their wives and small children along with their scant supply of clothing, tools and furniture, on pack-horses, the men traveling on foot and carrying their hunting apparatus in order to kill game along the way. They proceeded across the country to the Holston River, in the north-western corner of Tennessee, where they paused during the summer to build boats and to raise a crop of corn preparatory to their descent by water to the "Natchez Country." When the water had attained a sufficient depth for navigation toward the close of the year, they embarked on three large and well-built flat-boats, and committed themselves to the protection of God, as they started on their perilous voyage.

## Cherokees

Such were the natural difficulties in the way of navigation in those early times that it was, at best, a hazardous undertaking to descend the Holston, Tennessee, Ohio and Mississippi Rivers in such water craft as they were then able to construct. But what made it doubly hazardous was the belligerent stand which the Cherokee Indians had taken against all emigration through their country. They often availed themselves of the narrows, shoals and sudden turns in the Holston and Tennessee Rivers to attack immigrant boats. Our voyagers, being fully aware of that fact, went as well prepared for it as their limited resources would allow, and kept a constant watch for the approach of their stealthy foe.

We who have generally had "peace and truth in our days," think it strange that our pious forefathers would not only imperil their own lives, but also the lives of their wives and little ones. But they had already become inured to the horrors and dangers of war and viewed such adventures very differently from what we do.

These emigrants, for the

sake of mutual protection, had agreed to float as near each other as they conveniently could. The foremost boat contained Richard Curtis, Sr., his immediate family and his sons and daughters with their families. The second boat contained two brothers by the name of Daniel and William Ogden, and John Perkins, with their families.

Most of them were Baptists. We have no record of the names of those in the third boat. They seem to have fallen in with the other boats for the sake of protection in descending to the "Natchez Country."

On March 1, 1781, Richard Curtis, Sr. and his little band of followers landed at the mouth of Boyd's Creek (the name was changed to Cole's Creek in 1784), about twenty land miles north of Natchez. To the eastward and southward of their place of debarkation they made their first main settlement in the country, within five or ten miles of the Mississippi River.

However, the hardships endured during the long and perilous journey to the "Natchez Country" resulted in the death of one-third of the number that had made the trip. Among them were Phoebe Brown Jones Curtis, the wife of Richard Curtis, Sr. who passed away within the year of their arrival.

## The Spanish

Later in the year 1781, they sought to establish public worship. But being warned that the Spanish Government recognized only the Roman Catholic form of worship, and forbade all others, our little band scarcely knew what to do. At the suggestion of Rev. Richard Curtis, Jr. they agreed to meet together in their private dwellings at set times for the purpose of reading and expounding the Scriptures, exhortation and prayer. They hoped that in this way they could keep the members united and alive in their spiritual interests. These meetings, which were found to be so profitable to the members of the church, soon attracted the attention of the American portion of the population, many of whom desired to be present and to enjoy once more the influences of Protestant worship.

By the year 1785, several circumstances had transpired to stir up the wrath of the Roman Catholics against the Baptists. Several prominent Spaniards had renounced the Roman Catholic Church and had joined the Baptist Church. This could not be endured by the Roman Catholics in silence. Accordingly, the Spanish Commandant, Don Manuel Gayoso de Lemos, wrote an exhortatory letter to Rev. Richard Curtis, Jr. urging him to desist from what was considered violative of the laws of the Province and against the peace and safety of the country. To this letter Rev. Richard Curtis, Jr. replied with characteristic bluntness and severity, giving him to understand that in the name and strength of God he was determined to persevere in what he had deliberately conceived to be his duty.

## Arrest Ordered

His immediate arrest was ordered, and on the 6th

of April, 1785, Rev. Richard Curtis, Jr. stood a prisoner before Governor Gayoso. At the close of the investigation he was assured that if he did not unequivocally promise to desist from all public preaching he would be sent along with several of his adherents to work in the silver mines of Mexico.

An edict was issued by Governor Gayoso that "if nine persons were found worshipping together, except according to the forms of the Roman Catholic Church, they should suffer imprisonment."

It is not known whether the hitherto indomitable spirit of Rev. Richard Curtis, Jr. quailed under the menaces of Governor Gayoso, or whether upon a review of the whole matter he considered it best for the time being to submit to the laws of the Spanish Government.

Apparently Curtis stopped preaching openly, and the group worshipped in secret for two or three months, at least, for no arrests were made at that time.

## A Wedding

Then an additional circumstance characteristic of the times came to light. It greatly enraged the priesthood and Spanish officers. David Greenleaf, an accomplished young gentleman from the North, had gained the heart and hand of Miss Phoebe Jones, daughter of John Jones. But such was their sense of the wrongs inflicted by the Catholic hierarchy that the couple resolved not to be united in marriage by either priest or Spanish officer. They, moreover, believed that Rev. Richard Curtis, Jr., the uncle of Miss Jones, being a preacher of the gospel, was as duly authorized in the sight of God to solemnize the rites of matrimony as any one else.

They made application to him accordingly. He consented with the understanding that all the preliminaries, including the marriage ceremony, were to be conducted as quietly as possible and kept a secret as long as was consistent with truth and honor.

So, on the 24th day of May, in the year 1785, this ceremony uniting David Greenleaf and Phoebe Jones in the bonds of matrimony was performed. Current rumors that Rev. Richard Curtis, Jr. had violated his pledge, re-aroused the fury of the Roman Catholics and they determined to strike a decisive blow at the leaders of this little Protestant community. Orders for the arrest of Rev. Richard Curtis, Jr. and two other members of the Baptist church, William Hamberlin and Stephen de Alvo, were secretly issued on the 23rd of August, 1785.

## Preachers Flee

It now became the settled conviction of the most reliable men in the community that it was worse than useless for Rev. Richard Curtis, Jr. and his companions, William Hamberlin and Stephen de Alvo, to think of besting the storm any further. Their only safety was in a precipitate flight from the country.

After mutual consultation, it was decided that they would journey to the former home of Rev. Richard Curtis, Jr. in the Great Pee Dee Valley of South Carolina. Here they could support themselves by the labor of their own hands; while among congenial associates they could enjoy their Christian privileges with none to molest or make them afraid. Here too, Rev. Richard Curtis, Jr., who was only a licentiate in the Baptist denomination, would request the Welsh Neck Baptist Church for ordination to the full gospel ministry.

The second oldest surviving Baptist church in the South, Welsh Neck Baptist Church, (now located near Society Hill, S.C.) was organized in January, 1738, on the Pee Dee River of South Carolina by a group of Welsh Baptists who had come from Delaware in 1737. Formerly, they had been members of the Welsh Tract Baptist Church formed by Welshmen who migrated to America in 1701.

In 1751, Welsh Neck Church helped to organize the Charleston Baptist Association, which was the first in the South. When the association convened at Welsh Neck in 1813, Luther Rice spoke to the body, seeking their support of his plan to launch a foreign mission enterprise among Baptists in America.

In 1875, the church was the birthplace of the first central committee of Woman's Missionary Union.

## Curtis Ordained

During his sojourn in South Carolina, Rev. Richard Curtis, Jr. was ordained by Elders Benjamin Moseley and Mathew McCullans, and was duly empowered, whenever he should return to the "Natchez Country," to constitute a Baptist church according to the faith and order of that denomination.

In the meantime, the Natchez District was claimed as being within the chartered limits of Georgia, and consequently, as belonging to the United States. Colonel Andrew Ellicott, with a suitable force, had been sent on by the Central Government to enforce the claim by negotiation, if possible, but if not, by force of arms.

After many vexatious delays under a variety of pretexts, Colonel Ellicott had to assume a belligerent attitude, and promptly informed the Spanish Commandant if he did not evacuate Fort Rosalie by the 30th of March, 1798, he would reduce it by bombardment. He placed his cannons about where the lower end of Main Street now is. The Fort was evacuated before daybreak, and during the day the Americans took possession of the works.

While this much desired event was taking place, the Baptist community on Cole's Creek was not idle. They had resumed their meetings for public worship under the leadership of the Stampleys, Rev. Haragill, and others. They had also written to their brethren in South Carolina to return home.

With light hearts and buoyant hopes, the men commenced their return to the "Natchez Country."

## Salem Organized

Salem Baptist Church, the first Baptist church in Mississippi, was organized in October, 1791, with the following as Charter Members: Rev. Richard Curtis, Jr., William Thompson, John Jones, William Curtis, Benjamin Curtis, Ealiff Lanier, and Sister Margaret Stampley.

It was constituted in due and ancient form in June, 1798. Realizing that now was the time to organize additional churches throughout the Natchez District, Rev. Richard Curtis, Jr. began to make plans to carry the gospel, as expressed by the Baptist denomination, to other parts of the new territory.

The second church organized by Rev. Richard Curtis, Jr. was in the home of Thomas Hubbard, who had befriended him during his flight from the Spanish authorities in 1785, and in what is now Port Gibson, Mississippi. A promise to return and organize a church was being fulfilled. Curtis was accompanied by William Thompson, John Stampley, Benjamin Curtis, Joseph Perkins, Jacob Stampley and William Thomas, all members of Salem Baptist Church. They assembled at the home of Thomas Hubbard, and on the "Friday before the third Sunday in August, 1798" they constituted the Bayou Pierre Baptist Church. A building was erected in 1800 at the confluence of Little Bayou Pierre and Big Bayou Pierre.

## Woodville Church

In 1800, Rev. Richard Curtis, Jr. resigned as the minister of the Salem Baptist Church and organized the Bethel Baptist Church in what is now Wilkinson County. This church later moved to what is now the town of Woodville and is now known as the Woodville Baptist Church. It is the oldest active Baptist church in Mississippi.

Later the same year (1800), Rev. Richard Curtis, Jr. organized New Hope Baptist Church on Second Creek in what is now Adams County. And on the 27th day of July, 1805, Rev. Richard Curtis, Jr., assisted by Rev. Thomas Mercer, constituted the New Providence Baptist Church with twelve members. This church was located on Waggoner's Creek in Amite County. It was later moved to Merwin in Amite County, where it remained for 125 years as a beacon light to all who came under its influence. In May, 1930, the church building was destroyed by fire. It was not rebuilt. Some of the members joined the



ON COLE'S CREEK, at the site of Curtis Landing, (Jefferson County, near Natchez) pictured above, Rev. Richard Curtis, Sr. and party landed on March 1, 1781. This week marked the 186th anniversary of that landing.



TRADITION indicates that this was the type of building constructed by the members of Salem Baptist Church, Jefferson County, Mississippi around 1791. Rev. Richard Curtis, Jr. organized the church in October, 1790, and served as the first minister.

Baptist church in Gloster, some in Berwick, and others at Liberty, Mississippi.

## Ebenezer Church

The sixth and last church organized by Rev. Richard Curtis, Jr. was Ebenezer Baptist Church in Amite County, Mississippi. This church is located seven miles south of Liberty, Miss., near the Mississippi-Louisiana line and on the banks of Beaver Creek.

It was constituted on May 9, 1806, with the following as charter members: Mark Cole, Hannah Cole, John Courtney, Mary Curtis, all from Cole's Creek (Salem) Baptist Church; Batson Morgan and Elizabeth Morgan, from Black Creek Church, South Carolina; James Mumford, Ezra Courtney, from Ebenezer Church, South Carolina; Reese Perkins from Welsh Neck Church, South Carolina; Sarah Chance, from Black Camp Church, Georgia; Rev. Richard Curtis, Jr. and Rev. Thomas Mercer with the aid of James Courtney from South Carolina; Jonathan Curtis from Cole's Creek; and Isaac Jackson from New Providence Church.

For more than five years the spiritual needs of the people of this community were ministered to by Rev. Richard Curtis, Jr. with his wife and children, whose names were Penelope, Mary, Hannah, Jeremiah, Ephraim, Richard III, and James.

## Died In 1811

In the late afternoon of the 28th of October, 1811, Rev. Richard Curtis, Jr. went to the home of his brother-in-law, John Courtney, who had married his beloved sister, Hannah, seeking relief from a cancer which occasioned his death in the early evening of this same date.

He is buried on this place which is in Amite County, Mississippi, and is approximately one-half mile west of State Highway 569, south of Liberty, Mississippi.

An imposing marble marker designates the resting place of the beloved servant of God, and bears the following inscription:

HERE LIES THE REMAINS OF RICHARD CURTIS, JR.: FIRST BAPTIST MINISTER IN MISSISSIPPI

BORN: MAY 28, 1755

DIED OCTOBER 28, 1811

In the cemetery of the Ebenezer Baptist Church an obelisk has been erected to his memory. It is inscribed as follows:

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First Baptist Minister in  
Mississippi  
Born in Dinwiddie County,  
Virginia  
May 28, 1755

Died: October 28, 1811.

On the north side of the

shaft are these words:

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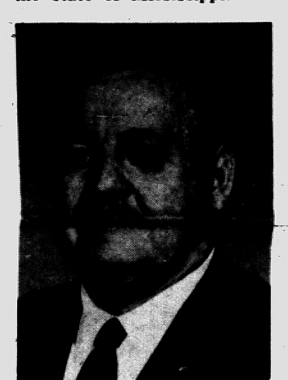
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Thirty years; 6 months and

11 days, Rev. Richard Curtis,

Jr. labored in the "Natchez Country" for the Master.

Whoever may, in the future, write the history of the Baptists in Mississippi, must give due credit to Rev. Richard Curtis, Jr. and his beloved companion, Patti Jones Curtis, for the many years of persecution and hardship they endured in planting the seed of the Baptist denomination in the state of Mississippi.



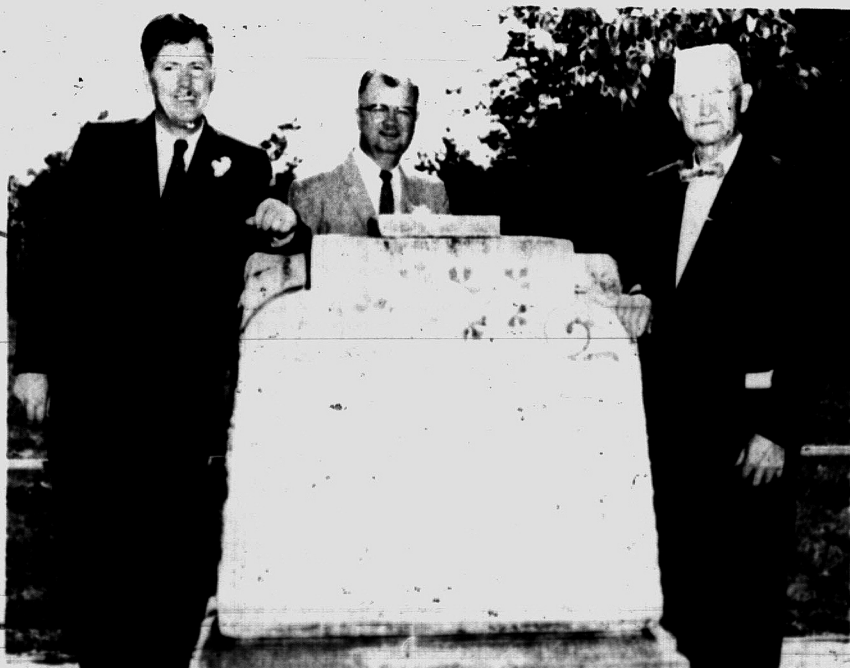
JAMES B. BUTLER, Ph.D., author of the above article, has been pastor of Palestine Church, Hinds County, since 1957. He was formerly pastor at Oak Grove in Scott County and Weathersby in Simpson. He was born at Pattison. Deeply interested in history, he has served on the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission. He has done a great deal of research on the life of Richard Curtis, Jr., and says: Curtis was "one of those dedicated individuals who was far more interested in promoting CHRIST rather than Curtis, and that 'as long as man keeps a record of events, the name of Richard Curtis, Jr. will be inscribed upon the bank and shoal of time.'"

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## 'A Beautiful Day'

Bruce, the pastor's six year old, usually leads in the prayer of thanksgiving around our table. Regardless of the time, place or occasion there is always one sentence in his prayer that is the same—he always says, "Thank you, Lord, for this beautiful day." The weather can be 40 below or 100 above; a blizzard or lovely spring day; a bright sunshine or dark storm clouds; but to him it is always "a beautiful day." Isn't there a lesson somewhere here for adults? Shouldn't every day for the Christian be "a beautiful day"? And it can be. "Easthaven Evangel" Kalispell, Montana, Rev. Robert Wall, Pastor.



AT RICHARD CURTIS, JR.'S GRAVE in Amite County near Liberty are, left to right: Judge J. P. Coleman, former Governor of Mississippi; Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; and Rev. H. J. McCool, retired Baptist minister. The marble marker bears the inscription: "Here lies the remains of Richard Curtis, Jr., first Baptist minister in Mississippi, born May 28, 1755, died October 28, 1811."



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# Recollections Of The Baptist Record Under Editor P.I. Lipsey, Part III

By John J. Lipsey

When my father, P. I. Lipsey, became editor of The Baptist Record early in 1912, he was the best man I have ever known, and he remained so. But he was not the wisest man. As he ruefully admitted, he made many bitter and expensive mistakes when he took the job. (I have previously mentioned some he made initially.)

But because of experience and devotion he became (in my opinion) a wise man. As I have said, he knew nothing about editing and publishing a paper, but he learned.

His good sense became so highly regarded by Baptist preachers and laymen that (it seemed to me) he spent about half of his office-time listening to their troubles, asking questions, and making suggestions, some of which were adopted. Unless he was about to catch a train or had an engagement, he never refused to listen, never became impatient at any time. As a result, he wrote most of his editorials on a folding table before a fireplace at home—between the hours of 4:30 and 6:30 a.m.

During his almost 12 years as pastor at Clinton, Mississippi, just before he went to the Record, he used to take Monday as a day of rest. He "rested" by working with his sons in the yard, garden, or pasture. (Monday was the weekly holiday in Clinton schools and in Mississippi College.)

So far as I recall, my editor father never took a day of rest or a vacation, unless he was ill, during his years with the Record. Saturday afternoon, he would pick up his satchel and start off to supply a pulpit or to represent the Record somewhere in the State. If he went by train, he tried to catch up with his writing with a clipboard on his lap or in a hotel room or at some Baptist's guest room. Monday morning early (if possible) he'd be back at his office desk, having perhaps spent a night in a daycoach. I never knew why his health did not break during those years, but God had given him a strong body and plenty of stamina.

When I came to the Record in April of 1912, the only help Father had (except a one-day-a-week mailing-clerk) was the Rev. Mr. X (as I shall call him), a one-time Baptist pastor whose age was about 35 and whose education and writing ability were minuscule but whose energy Father had come to admire. He had been allowed to purchase from Father \$1,000 of Mississippi Baptist Publishing Company stock (on time payments) and had been given the title of business manager of the paper, though it was understood that his duties would be to circulate about the State and get badly-needed subscriptions. He rarely, if ever, brought in enough subscriptions to pay for his salary and expenses. But he collected these regularly, though Father sometimes had to go without his.

Mr. X was full of bright but ineffectual ideas. For example he designed cartoons which he got Marie Atkinson Hull to execute. Mrs. Hull later became one of Mississippi's best-known artists, but these opera were messes, for if they were not done crudely enough according to Mr. X's ideas, he sent them back to the artist to be done over. These things were, by the business manager's request or demand, printed on the first page of The Record, and did nothing to increase The Record's dignity or reputation. Father let them run there because it was Mr. X's idea that they would increase the number of renewals received. They did not.

Finally, after some months Mr. X perceived the ineffectiveness of his efforts and decided to sever his connection with The Record. Father, I think, was relieved. I know I was. Mr. X sold his stock (which he had not finished paying for) back to Father and Father sold it to me (also on time payments). The last time I heard about the Rev. Mr. X he was running a filling-station somewhere deep in the heat (not heart) of Texas and was doing well.

One newspaper chose that is never done with complete competence is that of reading proof. No matter how big the paper, no matter how experienced are the proof-readers, there are sure to pop up some amusing, often embarrassing blunders.

After I came to work for The Record, I shared with Father the proof-reading. Since both of us were without experience in this line, we overlooked plenty of blunders. One August day I was coming back from a week spent reporting the South Mississippi Baptist Assembly (or-Encampment) at Hattiesburg. I was writing up my notes on a clip-board. I was in a hurry and so was the Gulf and Ship Island train. My chirography is never good, and, with the train-switching its tail around the curves of the track, it was fairly illegible. (I usually typed my copy.) In Jackson, still in a hurry, I took my copy to the printer. Somehow the proof apparently was never read.

I had written a flowery personal paragraph intended to please the person mentioned. It went something like this:

"The celebrated South Carolina divine, Dr. E. M. Poteat, President of Furman University, delivered an address Tuesday night at the Assembly, an address entitled 'Christianity at the Crossroads'."

The way this gem appeared in The Record was: "The celebrated South Carolina divine, Dr. E. M. Poteat, President of Furman University, delivered an address Tuesday night at the Assembly, an address entitled 'Christianity at the Crossroads'."

The faux pas was not discovered until after the paper had been mailed. Father, though it was not his fault, immediately sent by special delivery an apology to Dr. Poteat, a gentleman constructed on the lines of Napoleon Bonaparte, and with all the dignity and humorlessness of his model. Dr. Poteat was not amused, or pacified, not at all.

But for months, even years after this unhappy event, some friend of ours would come up to us and inquire solicitously: "Have you heard from Dr. Poteat lately?" and slap his leg and go "Whah! Whah! Whah!" Such a friend was never humorless... Yes, we heard from Dr. Poteat—early, often, and plenty. 1920 Pingrove, Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80906

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Mrs. Payton Myers—Missionary to Nigeria  
Mrs. Ed Trott—Missionary to Brazil  
Rev. and Mrs. Jerry St. John—Missionaries to deaf in Mississippi

Pictured below are some of the missionary speakers.

Miss Little announces that the cost of the weekend will be \$8.50 per girl with \$2.00 of this amount being sent to the WMU office as registration fee. Registration will begin at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, and the conference will be concluded with lunch on Saturday.



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St. John



Mrs. St. John

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The Inclusive Fellowship

By Clifton J. Allen  
Luke 18:1 to 19:27

Jesus prayed at every major crisis in his earthly life, and he lived always in conscious communion with the Father. He encouraged his followers to pray, and he taught them how to pray with acceptance and power before God. When Jesus spoke the two parables about prayer, which we are to study in detail, he was moving on toward Jerusalem for the completion of his earthly mission in his self-giving on the cross.

The Lesson Explained  
THE PLEADING WIDOW  
(vv. 1-8)

This parable seems to have a direct connection with Jesus teaching about the coming of the kingdom of God. The parable has specific application to the matter of prayer. The unrighteous judge of course, does not represent God. His character is exactly opposite to the character of God. The judge had neither reverence for God nor regard for man. He represented power utterly devoid of sympathy or mercy. On the other hand, the widow represented utter weakness and helplessness. Her plea to the judge was that she be avenged of some adversary who was trying to take ruthless advantage of her. And so, she pleaded her case with unfailing persistence. Her urgent need made her bold.

Finally, the unjust judge granted her plea to get rid of her. Perhaps his response was more than getting rid of a nuisance. His words really mean, "Lest at last she assault me with her fists." This may have been humor, but it shows that the widow was in dead earnest. That is the way people ought to pray. If a heartless judge will finally grant justice in response to persistence, how infinitely much more will God vindicate those who pray with persistence. God regards with tenderest compassion the poorest, weakest, most unworthy person. He is not reluctant to give.

THE PROUD PHARISEE  
(vv. 9-12)

Jesus addressed this parable to self-righteous persons who depended on their own self-righteousness to find acceptance with God and who looked on unrighteous persons with contempt. The story may have been the account of a scene Jesus saw in the Temple. The Pharisee was typical of religious pride. With a parade of piety he began his prayer. He rejoiced in his own uprightness, not so much because he appreciated real goodness but because of his pride that he was not like others given over to extortion, injustice, and adultery. Particularly, he boasted he was not like the publican. Actually, there was little reason to pray, for he had no sense of need and no desire to praise God. He prayed with himself, and he continued to be the same self-righteous and sinful self he had always been.

THE PENITENT  
PUBLICAN (vv. 13-14)

What a contrast to the Pharisee! The publican stood afar off, conscious of being an outcast. With an overwhelming sense of guilt, he would not even lift his eyes up toward God, but beat his breast repeatedly with grief as he cried out to God for mercy. He was ashamed and conscience-stricken. He felt himself to be "the sinner."

The publican's prayer was real. Aware of God's holiness and righteousness, the publican felt deeply his own iniquity. This was the source of his humility. No one ever exalts himself when he sees himself before God. When one cries out to God for mercy, he will obtain mercy. When he comes in confession, he will receive forgiveness. God always hears the prayer of a broken and contrite heart.

Truths to Live By  
Acceptable prayer requires sincerity and humility. If one comes to God without integrity of purpose, without single-heartedness, his prayer is nothing more than pretense. God knows the inner man, the hidden purpose, the real self. Accompanying sincerity, there must be humility.

The penitent spirit is imperative.

By Bill Duncan  
Acts 10

The gospel is beginning to reach out. Here the door is opening to the Gentiles and one of the first Gentiles is saved. The Christian movement started out dejectively Hebrew. Christ Himself was a Hebrew and all his apostles. After Pentecost the disciples continued to observe the worship of the Hebrews. The inclusion of Samaria with the preaching of Philip came as a surprise. Up to this point no Gentile had been admitted with apostolic sanction to the fellowship, and the admission of Cornelius threatened to divide the group of believers. The gospel was for all men and this is the beginning of a long controversy in the book of Acts.

CORNELIUS' VISION  
(1-8)

This man, Cornelius, professed sympathy with the Hebrew religion. He was a man of faith in God as one and his faith led him to give alms to all the people. His faith also led him to pray. Moreover, he was a man whose godliness was such that the whole of his household had been influenced by it. He is to be contrasted with many found in Rome whose sins Paul described in Romans 1. One of the remarkable things about this story is the wonderful character before he became a Christian. Yet he needed Christ. Like Nicodemus, who also was good, Cornelius needed to be born from above.

The vision of Cornelius was objective in nature. The time of the vision was at a regular Hebrew time of prayer—3 p. m. God answered his prayer for light by giving him a vision. The vision instructed him to send for Peter who would instruct him in what he should do. In the words of the angel we find recognition of the fact that he had been true to the light he had received. That, "He shall tell thee what to do," implies that Cornelius was anxious and inquiring, that he had come to some place of perplexity in his life.

In this vision we see Peter

was staying in Joppa with a Hebrew whose name was Simon, whose occupation was tanning of hides. Since this required him to handle dead animals, he was ceremonially unclean. This indicated that Peter was overcoming some of his prejudices.

PETER'S VISION  
(9-23)

The vision of Peter was wholly subjective. Peter had gone to a comfortable place for the time of prayer. Peter received the vision while in a trance caused by hunger. As he looked at the vision, he saw a strange vessel made by a great canvas filled with all kinds of animals. Then he heard a heavenly voice saying, "Rise, Peter, kill and eat." Although he was very hungry he still held his religious scruples and refused. His nature of being blunt is seen here as he declared he had never eaten such.

Then comes the remarkable word, "What God hath cleansed, make not thou common." The idea was given, "Do not defile by your attitude toward it, that which God hath cleansed." God was trying to get Peter to put away those ceremonial limitations which had limited the Hebrews in their mission of witness. To make sure that he caught the empathic emphasis, it was repeated three times.

While Peter was still astonished by the vision, the Holy Spirit led him to see that three men were seeking him and he should not hesitate to go with them. Still he did not fully understand his vision. For all the opportunity he had encountered as a follower of Jesus and for all the witness of men like Stephen and Philip, he yielded to the light only after great pressure was brought to bear upon him.

GENTILE CONVERSION  
(24-48)

Peter thought this meeting would be unusual. He carried with him some of the brethren to be a witness and aide. He pointed out to Cornelius that he was reluctant to come because of Jewish law (v. 28), but God had shown him that he should not call any man common or unclean. This decision was forced upon Peter. Some have said that Peter did not open the door to the Gentile, but it was forced

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## Music

### Top 30 Churches In Music Ministry Enrollment In 1966

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Church	Pastor	Music Dir.
1. Parkway Ch. Jackson	Bill Causey	Jimmy Jones
2. Van Winkle Jackson	Herman Milner	Eddie Hebert
3. Alta Woods Jackson	Joe Cothen	Bill Santo
4. Calvary Jackson	Joe Tuten	D. P. Bucher
5. Magnolia St. Jackson	Clyde Little	No Music Director
6. First Jackson	David Grant	Bill Bumstead
7. First Natchez	Tom Dunlap	Major McDaniel
8. First Tupelo	Robt. Ramblin	Jim Raymick
9. First Corinth	P. A. Michel	H. G. Zarwood, Jr.
10. First Columbia	S. B. Woodson	Billy Vaughn
11. First Pascagoula	Clark McMurray	No Music Director
12. First Douglas	Douglas Hodgins	Cecil Harper
13. First Columbia	Howard Aultman	No Music Director
14. Ridgecrest Jackson	Earl Kelly	Tom Moak
15. First Jackson	Allen Webb	J. T. Taylor
16. Calvary Brookhaven	Robt. Ramsay	H. Thompson
17. Oakland Hgts. Tupelo	J. H. Traylor	Jack Day
18. First Hattiesburg	Stanley Barnett	Bernie Parker
19. First Vicksburg	John McCall	Ronald Winters
20. First Louisville	Vernon May	Geo. Van Egmond
21. First Hattiesburg	John Barnes	No Music Director
22. First Magee	Mel Craft	John LeBlanc
23. First Greenville	Perry Claxton	Chas. Dorris
24. First Clarksdale	K. P. Horton	Kenneth Forbes
25. First Vicksburg	No Pastor	Ray Simpson
26. First West Point	Jimmy Hipp	David Grimsley
27. First Meridian	Beverly Tinnin	Jerry Neely
28. First L. G. Rohman	L. G. Rohman	John Laughlin
29. First Moss Point	Van Hardin	Harold Hancock
30. Woodland Hills Jackson	F. B. Saunders	J. T. Hannaford
31. 15th Ave. Meridian	Billy Simmons	Chas. Muller
32. First Gulfport	Wm. G. Tanner	Billy Hudgens

NOTE: If error is discovered, please notify the Church Music Department, P. O. Box 530, Baptist Building, Jackson, and corrections will be made.

open and he was pulled in. Peter still called himself a Jew, not one like them.

Peter began to speak as the evangelists by saying, "I am catching on (literally) that God shows no respecter of the face. In verse 36 he declared that the word was committed to Israel, but in parenthesis is added, "He is Lord of all." This revealed that in the midst of these circumstances he was coming to a fuller understanding of the meaning of Christianity and the church's responsibility. Peter's sermon covered the whole work of Jesus. Finally, he proclaimed the great and gracious truth "that whosoever believeth on him shall receive remission of sins."

The sermon was interrupted to the astonishment of all. The Hebrews were astonished that the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles. This led them to see the truth of Peter's vision that the gos-

pel was for all men. The Gentiles were astonished with the gift of the Spirit in speaking with tongues. Peter later described this outpouring of the Spirit as "the like gift" of the apostles at Pentecost. Could it be that these Gentiles began to magnify God to one another in their native tongue for so great salvation? For the gift at Pentecost was a miraculous gift enabling the disciples to witness in every tongue.

Because of the evidence he saw, Peter declared that these were ready to be received into the fellowship of the believers. When the gos-

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## Desoto Association Responds To Appeal Of Children's Village

During the holiday season of 1966, one association responded in a particularly vigorous manner to the Thanksgiving appeal made by The Baptist Children's Village.

In making an annual report for the Village to the DeSoto County associational meeting, Rev. Roger F. Johns, pastor of Grays Creek Baptist Church of Hernando, so interested himself and the membership of the Association that Mr. Johns was constituted "associational coordinator" for the Village's Thanksgiving offering.

Assisted by Richard Glenn of Grays Creek Baptist Church, supported enthusiastically by the entire membership of Grays Creek Church, Mr. Johns organized the Thanksgiving effort in DeSoto Association to a degree and with an effectiveness which, according to Superintendent Paul N. Nunnery at the Village, would solve all of the support problems at the Baptist child care agency, if the example of Mr. Johns and DeSoto County were followed in other associations of the State.

## MC CHOIR GOES ON TOUR

The Baptist Student Union Choir of Mississippi College took a five-day tour last week that featured four performances, according to Rev. Bradley Pope, director of religious activities on campus.

The featured event of the tour was a special performance at the Saturday afternoon session of the Students' Mission Conference at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

The 41-voice choir, directed by Ray Pople of Memphis, Tenn., presented concerts at First Church, Clarksdale and First Church, Memphis, Tenn., enroute.

At Eupora Church, they presented a Sunday evening concert.

Accompanists were Billy Jernburg, Sumner, at the organ and Lou Hughes, Magee, at the piano. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Grantham accompanied the choir on the tour.

The idea of a "Village Store" was conceived to serve as a base of collection for food, produce and clothing to be collected for Village use.

These receptacles, appropriately labeled and decorated, were distributed to dozens of central locations about the County. Mr. Johns printed and mailed regular bulletins and reported to the churches of the County, called attention to the needs of the Village and the progress of the effort in DeSoto County.

The interest of Kenneth Seely, an official of T.I.M.E. Freight, Inc., of Memphis was engaged, and Mr. Seely's firm provided and offered free transportation to the Village in Jackson for all goods collected in DeSoto County, and for much other contributed materials in counties along the route of travel from Senatobia to Jackson.

Special permission was secured from State authorities for these goods to be hauled, and many pastors and churches along the route of travel were notified of this effort and points of collection along the route were designated.

The enthusiasm of Mr. Johns and his church was such that almost every Baptist in the County was enlisted in some way in this project.

On December 8, the large freight van of T.I.M.E., Inc., arrived at the Village, accompanied by Mr. Johns, Mr. Glenn, George Baucum and others, delivering cash and merchandise for the Thanksgiving offering valued in excess of \$2,000.00 from DeSoto County alone.

According to Superintendent Nunnery, the trip and the publicity accounted for substantial gifts of cash and merchandise in other counties along the route of travel.

Mr. Nunnery has stated that the work of Mr. Johns and his associates in DeSoto County is counted among the most vigorous efforts in behalf of the children at the Village in the six years of his administration, and that the results commend the value of the idea to every association in the State.



Top photo shows members of Grays Creek Baptist Church just before loading of more than 3,000 pounds of food and clothing for Baptist Children's Village. Picture below shows three leaders surrounding poster which made appeal for Thanksgiving offering. From left: Kenneth Seely, assistant terminal manager T.I.M.E. Freight, Inc. Memphis, Tenn.; George Baucum, driver for T.I.M.E. and deacon of Grays Creek Baptist Church, and Rev. Roger F. Johns, pastor, Grays Creek Church and Village coordinator for Desoto Association.

## REVIVAL DATES

**Van Winkle, Jackson:** March 6-12; services at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Charles Massee, evangelist; Olen Massey, singer; Rev. H. A. Milner, pastor.

**Parkway, Houston:** March 19-26; Rev. Ira Broyles Bright, pastor and evangelist; Don Trenor, music director; Shirley Walters, pianist.

**Goodwater, Magee:** March 12-19; Dr. L. Gordon Sansing of Jackson, evangelist; Ralph Burroughs, Minister of Music at Goodwater, song leader; Miss Lynn McIntosh and Miss Janie McCallum, accompanists. Weekday services (except Saturday) at 7 P.M.; Sunday services at 10:45 A.M. and 7 P.M.; Rev. Wesley Ellis, pastor.

**Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson:** March 12-19; Dr. Leo Eddleman, (pictured), president, New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; George Van Egmond, music director at First Church, Vicksburg, music director; Dr. Allen Webb, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; regular services on Sunday.



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## GENTILLY ORDAINS VANDERCOOK

Gentilly Church, New Orleans, La., ordained Rev. J. Paul Vandercook, Jr. to the gospel ministry on February 12.

Born in Jackson, Miss., Mr. Vandercook was licensed to preach by Skene Church, Cleveland. He is married to the former Frances Stokes of Gloster. He now serves as pastor of Ogden Church, Benton.

A senior at Mississippi College, he is the recipient of the Joe T. "Ode" Scholarship Award, which is presented each year to the outstanding ministerial student on the campus of Mississippi College. He has served two summers with the Home Mission Board, as mission tour conductor in the city of New Orleans, and as summer missionary in Michigan.

He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. John P. Vandercook, Sr. His father, who was pastor in Yazoo and Bolivar Counties for 15 years, is now Director of the New Orleans Baptist Seamen's Service, Inc.

## Resolution Is Tribute To Mrs. K. Gilfoy

Following the recent death of their teacher, Mrs. Karen K. Gilfoy, the Fidelity Sunday School Class of First Church, Jackson, adopted a resolution paying tribute to the life of Mrs. Gilfoy.

The document stated that the members of the class "pay a tribute of love and respect to her whose memory we shall always hold sacred. Mrs. Gilfoy's loyalty to her God, her church, and her family were foremost in her life, and she will long be remembered for her enthusiastic loyalty in serving. We resolve to take up the torch she held aloft, and will strive harder to carry on the work of the Lord."



Ralph Burroughs

## Goodwater Calls Music Minister

Goodwater Church, Magee has called Ralph "Jimmy" Burroughs of Forest as its new minister of music and youth. A graduate of Mississippi College and Golden Gate Seminary (Master of Religious Education degree), he is currently working toward a master's degree in counseling and guidance at University of Southern Mississippi.

His music training includes electives in music at Golden Gate, including conducting, theory, music history, music appreciation, hymnology, piano, trumpet, and French horn. In California he served the following churches as minister of music and youth: Prescott Church, Modesto; First Church, El Sobrante; and First Southern Baptist Church, South San Francisco. He has had wide experience in music, youth, Christian education, and camp work in Mississippi, California, Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming.

Opal Mize is chairman of the Music Council at Goodwater. Other members are Gene Tackett, Mrs. Wiley Ainsworth, Wilson Smith, and the pastor, Rev. Wesley G. Ellis.

The world's busiest railway junction is Clapham Junction on the Southern Region of British Rail with over 2,070 trains every 24 hours!

The tallest living woman is believed to be Katja van Dyke of the Netherlands, who is about 7 feet 2 1/2 inches tall!

## Camp, Assembly Managers Elect Mississippians

The second annual Southern Baptist Assembly and Camp Managers Conference met in historic session January 30-February 2 at Shocco Springs Baptist Assembly, Talladega, Alabama, and formally organized with the adoption of By-Laws. Officers elected are: Arlis Hinson, former Mississippi, Rockridge Baptist Assembly, Franklin, Georgia, president; C. L. Martin, Texas Baptist Encampment, Palacios, Texas, vice-president; and Mrs. Marvin Byrdwell, Cedarmore Baptist Assembly, Bagdad, Kentucky, secretary-treasurer. W. T. Douglas, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, was appointed to serve on the Auditing Committee for two years.

Attendance at the new organization's meetings has had representation from forty-two assemblies and camps in nineteen States.

Hinson is the son of Mrs. Sue Hinson of Crystal Springs. At Mississippi College he received the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sacred Music in 1955. He received the Master of Religious Education degree from Southern Seminary.

Mrs. Hinson, the former Georgia Herrin of Collins, is a graduate of William Carey College.

## The Inclusive

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pel was preached to the Gentiles and they believed, the church began to see more fully the task of reaching all men for Christ. The disciples in Jerusalem wanted to question the action of Peter, but they too glorified God that God had also granted repentance unto life. This experience led Peter and the church to understand that the gospel is for all and the only condition of salvation is faith and repentance.

## DEVOTIONAL

### God Gave A Vision

By Bill Hale, Pastor, Rocky Creek Church, Lucedale  
Text—Acts 18:9-10

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.



And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

All Bible scholars agree that here was the turning point of spreading of the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Up until this time the gospel had been preached in and around Asia Minor and was headed toward the Oriental countries, and here we find the Man over in Macedonia as he stands and beckons unto Paul. Paul was praying. God answered his prayer in this unusual manner. The gospel goes toward the continent of Europe, and from Europe over to the British Isles. And the gospel then goes from the British Isles to the islands of the sea and to the Americans. And you and I, today, are the recipients of the glorious gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, because Paul was a man that would be led of the Spirit of God when he had received his vision.

The world today needs a vision. We need the vision of Jesus Christ, God's son, crucified for the sins of the world. Until we see Jesus as he really is, as our Saviour and Lord, as the One who died for our sins; until we see Him and get a clear vision of Him and all His love and His mercy; His outstretched hand, saying and begging to the world, "Come unto me." When we see Jesus as He really is, then we will begin to do as He would have us; to go about spreading the gospel with compassion and love of genuine dedicated Christians.

As we look, we see Christians. As we look, we see Christ. We see Him as He says unto the world, "Come unto Me all ye that are heavy laden and I will give you rest; Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me for my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

We will see a burdened world; burdened under the cares of sin, under superstition held in check by social barriers. We will see the intellectual world today in its pseudo-intellect presiding over man's problems, trying to cure man's ills but denying a look at the Savior.

We will see the pseudo-aristocracy that stalks the land today and causes people to feel that human instrumentalities are sufficient, so long as a man articulates his words, has clear diction and can hold an audience and has degrees and this, that and the other. These are substituted for the degrees of the spiritual power of God.

Yes, then we look again and we see man who turns in his superstitious ways to the pagan gods and cries out for them to give him aid. When we begin to see Jesus, we see One who wants to rid the world of all of its fear, intellectual pride and all of its social snobishness that would keep the world from coming and humbling itself and accepting Jesus Christ as He really is.

## BH TOPICS FOR MARCH

THE BAPTIST HOUR sermon theme for March will be "Portraits of the Passion." THE BAPTIST HOUR sermon topics for March are: March 5—"The Portrait of Treason" (Matthew 26:14-16).

March 12—"The Portrait of Failure" (Matthew 26:74-75). March 19—"The Portrait of Love" (Matthew 27:45-46). March 26—"The Portrait of Power" (Matthew 28:18-20).



THE SPRING SEMESTER at William Carey College got underway with registration of all new students on Tuesday, January 31. Classes began February 1. Shown completing their applications above are new students, left to right, Lynda Breazeale, Hattiesburg, Garry McKee, Decatur, Georgia, and Portia Demetropolis, Mobile. Aiding in the process is Business Office secretary Mrs. J. D. Sims. Carey enrolled 812 students during the fall semester and the enrollment is expected to be equally as large during the new term. Final figures are not yet available.



EVANGELIST SHORROSH AT CLARKE — Rev. Anis Shorosh (left), who was graduated from Clarke College in May of 1955, talks with Dr. W. L. Compere, Clarke president, about a book written by the visitor. "The Glory of Christ in the Church", a commentary on Ephesians, written in the Arabic language, is the first commentary to be written and published by a Jordanian Christian. Evangelist Shorosh was assisting Rev. G. W. Horn, pastor, in a revival with Taylorsville Church when he took time out to speak at Clarke on February 23. He was formerly pastor of the Jerusalem (Jordan) Baptist Church. His wife is a native of Alabama. The couple now resides in Citronelle, Alabama.

## VILLAGERS BUILD ROAD FOR EVANGELISM CLINIC

"If we can only have our meeting at Mōni, we can show those Muslims that we Baptist Christians are faithful to the Lord Jesus!"

With these eager words, David Lulaba, a Baptist layman from the mountain village of Mōni, convinced Southern Baptist Missionary Jimmie D. Hooten that the Baptist evangelistic clinic for Uganda should be held at the newly organized church at Mōni instead of in the older, more easily accessible church in nearby Mbale.

After agreeing to the Mōni site, Mr. Hooten began to have doubts. The clinic was to prepare leaders from throughout Uganda for the simultaneous evangelistic campaign planned for October by Baptists of Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania. And there wasn't even a road up the mountain to Mōni! But the determined members of the Mōni church

hacked a road past the coffee and banana shambas (small farms) of Muslims who tried to hinder the work. When the road was complete Mr. Hooten drove his Land Rover all the way up to the church. The people rejoiced, sang, honked the horn, and danced around the vehicle for the better part of an hour. "Today a car has come to Mōni for the first time, and it is a gospel car!" said the pastor.

When the time for the two-day clinic arrived, 35 preachers and laymen came by bus, taxi, missionary car, and bicycle from as far as Masindi, 240 miles to the west. Most slept in the church on bed-rolls spread over sisal mats on the dirt floor, though a few were housed by church members.

The evangelistic clinic proved to be more than a teaching exercise. In the evenings more than 500 people jammed in and around the

small mud-and-pole building to listen to sermons. Thirty-five of them made professions of faith in Christ.

To the outpouring of the presence and power of God, there must be a beginning," says Mr. Hooten. "At Mōni we have seen the beginning. At Mōni, where Muslim influence is so thick you can feel it, we saw the simple message of a Saviour's love take root and begin to blossom."

## Clarke Establishes Scholarship In Memory Of Rev. L. G. Camp, Jr.

Dr. W. L. Compere, Clarke College President, announces the establishment of an endowed scholarship in memory of Rev. L. G. Camp, Jr., a Clarke College graduate of 1948, who died on December 16, 1966 of injuries received in a traffic accident. The scholarship was set up by his widow, Mrs. Kittie Camp, of Grand Bay, Alabama, and the Friendship Church, of which Mr. Camp was pastor at the time of his death. The initial contribution was in the amount of \$2,500, which has been placed in a restricted endowment fund. Earnings from contributed funds will be used for a scholarship to be awarded annually to a ministerial student, the recipient to be chosen by the college faculty.

After finishing Clarke, Mr. Camp had one year in Baylor University but returned to Mississippi to become pastor of the Ellison Ridge Church, Winston County. He was graduated from Mississippi College in 1952, where he received the Nelson Medal, the highest award granted by the college in the area of speech. He received the Bachelor of Divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary in 1958. At the time of his passing, he had been pastor of the Friendship Church for one year.

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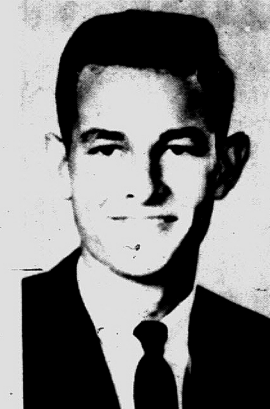
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WILLIE RAY ROBINSON was recently licensed to the gospel ministry by Bethlehem Church, Forkville. The son of Noah Robinson of Jackson, he is a senior at Morton Attendance Center, Morton. He has been active in church and school activities, serving as vice-president of FFA, and chaplain in 1966. His plans are to enter Clarke College this fall.

## Off The Record

Teacher: "Now, we all know that when certain substances are heated they expand, and when they are cooled they contract. Johnny, can you give me a good example of this statement?"

Johnny: "Well, in the winter the days are short and in the summer the days are long."

John: "How much are your eggs today?"

Grocer: "That all depends. Do you want 1st grade, 2nd grade, or 3rd grade?"

John: "I'm not sure. Have you got any already graduated?"

Bill: "What would happen if you ate yeast and mold?"

Peter: "I don't know."

Bill: "You would rise and shine."

Mark: "What did one casket say to the other casket?"

Tod: "I don't know."

Mark: "Is that your coffin?"

Father: "Well, son, how are your marks?"

Son: "They're under water."

Father: "What do you mean by under water?"

Son: "Below C level."

Nature Counselor: "What's the best way to prevent infection by biting insects?"

Camper: "Don't bite any."

Jerry: "What is the noisy part of a tree?"

Mother: "The bark."